

**State of Minnesota**

**District Court**

County of: Select County	Judicial District: _____ Court File Number: _____ Case Type: _____
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Plaintiff(s) (first, middle, last)

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s) (first, middle, last)

**Answer  
or  
Answer and Counterclaim**

Defendant denies everything in Plaintiff's Complaint, except as admitted, or otherwise answered.

1. **Deny** All statements are untrue in paragraph numbers

\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Admit** All statements are true in paragraph numbers

\_\_\_\_\_

3. **Partially True** The information in the following paragraphs is partially true and partially false.

\_\_\_\_\_

In these partially true paragraphs, I deny everything except the following statements, which are true:

4. **Insufficient Information** I do not have enough information to know if the following paragraphs and/or statements are true:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Defendant claims the following Affirmative Defense(s): (check only defenses that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accord and satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> Injury by fellow servant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration and award   | <input type="checkbox"/> Laches                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assumption of risk      | <input type="checkbox"/> License                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory negligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Payment                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge in bankruptcy | <input type="checkbox"/> Release                  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Duress                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Res judicata           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estoppel                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Statute of frauds      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure of consideration | <input type="checkbox"/> Statute of limitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegality               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____            |

Facts in support of affirmative defense(s):

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6. Counterclaim: (check one)

- Defendant has no Counterclaims.
- Defendant makes the following Counterclaims against Plaintiff arising from the same transactions described in the Plaintiff's Complaint.
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Wherefore, Defendant asks the Court to: (check all that apply)

- Dismiss Plaintiff's complaint, enter judgment for Defendant, and award Defendant costs and disbursements allowed by Minn. Stat. §549.11, Subd. 2.
- Enter judgment for Defendant on Defendant's counterclaims, if any.
- Order that:
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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Read before Signing:**

By signing this Answer, you are agreeing the following statements are true and you acknowledge that fines/fees could be assessed against you.

- a. I read this document. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief the information in the document is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law.
- b. I have not been determined by any court in any State to be a frivolous litigant or subject to an Order precluding me from serving and filing this document.
- c. I am not serving or filing this document for any improper purpose, such as to harass the other party or to cause delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation or to commit a fraud on the Court.
- d. I understand that if I am not telling the truth or if I am misleading the court or if I am serving or filing this document for any improper purpose, the court can order me to pay money to the other party, including the reasonable expenses incurred by the other party because of the serving or filing of this document such as court costs, and reasonable attorneys fees.
- e. I understand that as part of a final order granting judgment or dismissing the case, the party who loses may be ordered to pay costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees to the winning party, pursuant to Minn.Stat. §549.11, Subd. 2.