

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

<p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff(s),</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant(s).</p>	<p>No. _____</p>
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR / SIMPLIFIED CIVIL ANSWER

To the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's attorney:

I intend to appear at the hearing scheduled for the above-captioned case and defend against the claim made against me. I do not owe this claim for the following reasons:

NEW MATTER, COUNTERCLAIM, OR CROSS-CLAIM

Dated: _____

(Print Name)

Defendant

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF

IF THIS NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR CONTAINS NEW MATTER, COUNTERCLAIM OR CROSS-CLAIM, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE THERETO WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM SERVICE HEREOF OR A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU. THIS MATTER WILL BE HEARD BY A BOARD OF ARBITRATORS AT A TIME, DATE AND PLACE TO BE SPECIFIED BUT, IF ONE OR MORE OF THE PARTIES IS NOT PRESENT AT THE HEARING, THE MATTER MAY BE HEARD AT THE SAME TIME AND DATE BEFORE A JUDGE OF THE COURT WITHOUT THE ABSENT PARTY OR PARTIES. THERE IS NO RIGHT TO A TRIAL *DE NOVO* ON APPEAL FROM A DECISION ENTERED BY A JUDGE.

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE AND VERIFICATION

I state that on or about _____ (insert date), I did notify the plaintiff of my intention to appear and defend the complaint by mailing a true and correct copy of this Notice of Intention to the plaintiff at _____ (insert address) by first class mail, postage prepaid.

I verify that the statements made in this pleading are true and correct. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Dated _____

Defendant

DISCLAIMER

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