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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

SUSAN LYNNE BLACK, et al.

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 2011 CV 01219

-VS-

Judge Timothy N. O'Connell

DONALD BEWS, et al.,

Defendants.

ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS DONALD BEWS AND WARREN GIBSON, LTD. TO PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT

(Jury Demand Endorsed Hereon)

Now come Defendants, Donald Bews and Warren Gibson, Ltd., by and through the undersigned counsel, and for their Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint, state as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE:

- 1. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs One (1), Two (2), and Three (3) of Plaintiffs' Complaint, and, therefore, deny the same.
- 2. Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph Four (4) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph Five (5) of Plaintiff's
 Complaint.
- 4. Defendants deny the allegations as specifically stated in Paragraph Six (6) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 5. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph Seven (7) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.



- 6. Defendants restate and reallege each and every response contained in Paragraphs
 One (1) through Five (5) of their Answer, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 7. Defendants admit that on or about December 7, 2009, Plaintiff Susan Black and Defendant Donald Bews were involved in an automobile accident on Huron Church Road in the City of Windsor, County of Essex, and Country of Canada. Defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph Nine (9) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 8. Defendants admit at the time of the accident, Plaintiff Susan Black was transporting a horse. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph Ten (10) of Plaintiffs' Complaint and, therefore, deny the same.
- 9. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs Eleven (11) and Twelve(12) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 10. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) of Plaintiffs' Complaint, and, therefore, deny the same.
- Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs Fifteen (15) and Sixteen(16) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 12. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph Seventeen (17) of Plaintiffs' Complaint and, therefore, deny the same.
- 13. Defendants restate and reallege each and every response contained in Paragraphs
 One (1) through Twelve (12) of their Answer, as if fully rewritten herein.

- 14. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-One (21), Twenty-Two (22), and Twenty-Three (23) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 15. Defendants restate and reallege each and every response contained in Paragraphs
 One (1) through Fourteen (14) of their Answer, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 16. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs Twenty-Five (25) and Twenty-Six (26) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 17. Defendants restate and reallege each and every response contained in Paragraphs

 One (1) through Sixteen (16) of their Answer, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 18. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph Twenty-Eight (28) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 19. Defendants restate and reallege each and every response contained in Paragraphs
 One (1) through Eighteen (18) of their Answer, as if fully rewritten herein.
- 20. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs Thirty (30), Thirty-One (31), Thirty-Two (32), and Thirty-Three (33) of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
 - 21. Defendants deny any and all allegations not specifically admitted herein.

SECOND DEFENSE:

22. Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted against these answering Defendants.

THIRD DEFENSE:

23. Plaintiffs' claims are barred due to a lack of personal jurisdiction over these answering Defendants.

FOURTH DEFENSE:

24. Plaintiffs' claims are barred due to insufficiency of process and/or insufficiency of service of process.

FIFTH DEFENSE:

25. Plaintiffs' injuries and/or damages were caused by independent, intervening, and/or superseding causes, not under the control of these answering Defendants.

SIXTH DEFENSE:

26. Plaintiff Susan Black's conduct, whether characterized as contributory negligence or assumption of the risk, bars Plaintiffs' recovery, or reduces Plaintiffs' recovery in proportion to such fault.

SEVENTH DEFENSE:

27. Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages and, therefore, Plaintiffs' claims against these answering Defendants are barred in whole or in part.

EIGHTH DEFENSE:

28. Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim for punitive damages.

NINTH DEFENSE:

29. Defendants hereby assert those defenses set forth in Rule 8 and 12 of the Ohio and/or Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that may be applicable to this action.

TENTH DEFENSE:

30. Defendants hereby assert those defenses set forth in the Ontario and Canadian Rules of Civil Procedure that may be applicable to this action.

ELEVENTH DEFENSE:

31. Defendants hereby reserve the right to raise all additional affirmative defenses as they may become apparent through discovery.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendants Donald Bews and Warren Gibson Ltd. respectfully request that Plaintiffs' Complaint be dismissed, at Plaintiffs' cost.

Respectfully submitted,

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JURY DEMAND

Defendants, by and through counsel, hereby demand that the issues be tried before a jury of eight (8).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that the foregoing was sent via the Court's electronic delivery system, this day of March, 2011, to the following:

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