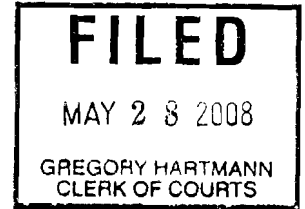


**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

LAURA BRAUN : CASE NO.: A0803137
JEFFREY A. BRAUN : (Judge Robert C. Winkler)
Plaintiffs, :
vs. : ANSWER
KEVIN RHODES :
Defendants. :



Now comes defendant Kevin Rhodes, by and through counsel, and for his answer to the plaintiff's complaint states as follows:

1. The defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 1 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
2. Defendant admits that he is a resident of Hamilton County, Ohio. The remaining allegations of paragraph 2 of the plaintiffs' complaint are denied.
3. Defendant admits that his full name is Kevin M. Blank Rhodes.
4. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 4 of the plaintiffs' complaint for want of knowledge.
5. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 5 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
6. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 6 of the plaintiffs' complaint for want of knowledge.
7. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 7 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
8. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 8 of the plaintiffs' complaint for want of knowledge.

9. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 9 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
10. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 10 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
11. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 11 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
12. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 12 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
13. In response to paragraph 13 of the plaintiffs' complaint, the defendant restates the admissions, denials and averments of paragraphs 1-12 of this answer.
14. The defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 14 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
15. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 15 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
16. In response to paragraph 16 of plaintiffs' complaint, defendants restate the admissions, denials and averments of paragraphs 1-15 of this answer.
17. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 17 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
18. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 18 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
19. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 19 of the plaintiffs' complaint.
20. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 20 of the plaintiffs' complaint.

21. In response to paragraph 21 of plaintiffs' complaint, the defendant restates the admissions, denials and averments of paragraphs 1-20 of this answer.

22. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 22 of the plaintiffs' complaint.

23. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 23 of the plaintiffs' complaint.

24. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 24 of the plaintiffs' complaint.

25. In response to paragraph 25 of plaintiffs' complaint, defendant restates the admissions, denials, and averments of paragraphs 1-24 of this answer.

26. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 26 of the plaintiffs' complaint.

27. In response to paragraph 27 of plaintiffs' complaint, defendant restates the admissions, denials, and averments of paragraphs 1-26 of this answer.

28. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 28 of the plaintiffs' complaint.

29. Defendant specifically denies each and every remaining allegation not specifically admitted herein.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' complaint fails to state a cause of action upon which relief may be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate her damages.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The injuries and damages alleged in the plaintiffs' complaint are the direct and proximate result of the acts and/or omissions of other or intervening agents or agencies.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

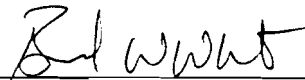
The injuries and damages alleged in plaintiffs' complaint were the direct and proximate result of plaintiffs' own acts and/or omissions.

The defendant has published no untrue, false, or defamatory information with respect to the plaintiffs at any time.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any information stated or published by the defendant with respect to the plaintiffs was privileged.

WHEREFORE, the defendant, Kevin Rhodes, hereby demands that plaintiffs' complaint be dismissed, with prejudice, at the costs of the plaintiff.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 27th day of May, 2008 a copy of the foregoing document was mailed/delivered to all parties or their counsel of record as follows:

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