UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DANIEL ABRAHAMOV, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

-against-

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

Defendant.

Plaintiff DANIEL ABRAHAMOV (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), a New York resident, brings this class action complaint by and through his attorneys, Cohen & Mizrahi LLP, against Defendant PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC ("Defendant"), individually and on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, based upon information and belief of Plaintiff's counsel, except for allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiff, which are based upon Plaintiff's personal knowledge.

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Congress enacted § 1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA") in 1977 in response to the "abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors." 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a). At that time, Congress was concerned that "abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." *Id.* Congress concluded that "existing laws... [we]re inadequate to protect consumers," and that "the effective collection of debts" does not require "misrepresentation or other abusive debt collection practices." 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(b) & (c).

2. Congress explained that the purpose of the FDCPA was not only to eliminate abusive debt collection practices, but also to "insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged." *Id.*; § 1692(e). After determining that the existing consumer protection laws were inadequate, Congress gave consumers a private cause of action against debt collectors who fail to comply with the Act. *Id.*; § 1692k.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over this class action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* and 28 U.S.C. § 2201. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the state law claims in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
 - 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of New York consumers seeking redress for Defendant's actions of using a misleading, deceptive, unfair and unconscionable means to collect a debt.
- 6. Defendant's actions violated § 1692 *et seq.*, of the FDCPA, which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.
 - 7. Plaintiff is seeking damages, and declaratory and injunctive relief.

PARTIES

- 8. Plaintiff is a natural person and a resident of the State of New York and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).
- 9. Defendant is a collection agency with its principal office located in Norfolk, Virginia.

- 10. Defendant is a company that uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile, and regularly engages in business, the principal purpose of which is to attempt to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 11. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined under the FDCPA under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "11" herein with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein.
- 13. Plaintiff brings claims, pursuant to the Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3), individually and on behalf of the following consumer class (the "Class").
- 14. The Class consists of (a) all individuals with addresses in Kings County in the State of New York (b) to whom Defendant (c) sent a collection letter attempting to collect a consumer debt (d) failing to clearly state the amount of the debt which is due and owing, by implying that a payment sooner rather than later will be more economical for the consumer and by employing false, deceptive and misleading representations in connection with the collection of the debt (e) which letter was sent on or after a date one year prior to filing this action and on or before a date 21 days after filing this action.
- 15. The identities of all Class members are readily ascertainable from Defendant's records and those companies and entities on whose behalf they attempt to collect and/or have purchased debts.
- 16. Excluded from the Class are the Defendants and all officers, members, partners, managers, directors, and employees of the Defendants and their respective immediate families, and legal counsel for all parties to this action and all members of their immediate families.
 - 17. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class, which common issues

predominate over any issues involving only individual class members. The principal issue is whether the Defendant's written communications to consumers, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**, violate 15 U.S.C. § 1962e.

- 18. The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class members, as all are based upon the same facts and legal theories.
- 19. The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class defined in this complaint. The Plaintiff has retained counsel with experience handling in consumer lawsuits, complex legal issues, and class actions, and neither the Plaintiff nor his attorneys have any interests, which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 20. This action has been brought, and may properly be maintained, as a class action pursuant to the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 because there is a well-defined community interest in the litigation:
 - a. <u>Numerosity:</u> The Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Class defined above are so numerous that joinder of all members would be impractical.
 - b. <u>Common Questions Predominate:</u> Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and those questions predominate over any questions or issues involving only individual class members. The principal issue is whether the Defendant's written communications to consumers, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**, violate 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
 - c. <u>Typicality:</u> The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. The Plaintiff and all members of the Class have claims arising out of the Defendant's common uniform course of conduct complained of

herein.

- d. Adequacy: The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class members insofar as Plaintiff has no interest that are adverse to the absent Class members. Plaintiff is committed to vigorously litigating this matter. Plaintiff has also retained counsel with experience in handling consumer lawsuits, complex legal issues, and class actions. Neither the Plaintiff nor his counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue the instant class action lawsuit.
- e. <u>Superiority:</u> A class action is superior to the other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual joinder of all members would be impractical. Class action treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum efficiently and without unnecessary duplication of effort and expense.
- 21. Certification of a class under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) is also appropriate in that the questions of law and fact are common to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions affecting an individual member, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
- 22. Depending on the outcome of further investigation and discovery, Plaintiff may, at the time of class certification motion, seek to certify a class(es) only as to particular issues pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(4).

ALLEGATIONS PARTICULAR TO DANIEL ABRAHAMOV

23. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "22" herein with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein.

24. Defendant collects and attempts to collect debts incurred or alleged to have been

incurred for personal, family or household purposes on behalf of creditors using the United States

Postal Services, telephone, facsimile, and internet.

25. Upon information and belief, within the last year Defendant commenced efforts to

collect an alleged consumer "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5), when it mailed a collection

letter to Plaintiff seeking to collect on an unpaid account originally owed to Synchrony Bank.

26. On or about September 19, 2017, Defendant sent Plaintiff a collection letter (the

"Collection Letter") seeking to collect a balance allegedly incurred for personal purposes. A copy

of the Collection Letter is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

27. Plaintiff received the Collection Letter via mail sometime after September 19, 2017.

28. The Collection Letter was sent or caused to be sent by persons employed by

Defendant as a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).

29. The Collection Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).

30. Upon information and belief, Defendant's Collection Letter is a form letter.

31. Upon information and belief, the Defendant's Collection Letter is identical to other

collection letters sent to consumers, which number in the hundreds.

32. The Collection Letter provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Disputes Department, 140 Corporate

Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502

DISPUTES DEPARTMENT E-MAIL ADDRESS: PRA_Disputes@portfoliorecovery.com

33. The Collection Letter provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Total amount of debt due at charge-off: \$2,485.55

The total amount of transactions since charge-off:

Interest: \$0.00

Non-Interest Charges/Fees or Balance Adjustments:

\$0.00

Payments: \$0.00

Total now due: \$2.485.55".

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34. As a result of the following counts Defendant violated the FDCPA.

Falsely Suggesting a Dispute Must be Made in Writing

- 35. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "33" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 36. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 37. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on non-enumerated practice.
- 38. For purposes of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, the failure to clearly provide the consumer with complete and accurate information notifying them of their rights and obligations is unfair and deceptive to the least sophisticated consumer.
- 39. Collection notices are deceptive if they can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 40. The question of whether a collection Letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 41. Because the collection Letter in the instant case was reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading concerning Plaintiff's right to dispute the debt by something other than in writing, it is deceptive within the meaning of the FDCPA.
- 42. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, leads the least sophisticated consumer to believe that her dispute must be communicated in writing.

43. Defendant's September 19, 2017 communication provides, on the back thereof, in bold type-face:

DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Disputes Department 140 Corporate Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23502 **Disputes Dept. E-Mail Address:** PRA Disputes@portfoliorecovery.com

- 44. Disputes need not be in writing. *Hooks v. Forman, Holt, Eliades & Ravin, LLC*, 717 F.3d 282 (2d Cir. 2013).
- 45. When confronted with Defendant's Letter which states, "DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:" it is reasonable for the least sophisticated consumer to believe that all disputes would be needed in writing. That is inaccurate since you can also call to orally dispute the debt.
- 46. When confronted with Defendant's Letter which states, "DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:" it would be reasonable for the least sophisticated consumer to understand that statement to mean that in order to dispute the debt she must send it in writing. That would be inaccurate since she can dispute the debt verbally.
- 47. The least sophisticated consumer would be unsure as to whether a writing or oral communication is necessary to dispute the underlying debt.
- 48. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived in a material way by Defendant's conduct.
- 49. Because the Letter, for the reasons described above, could be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate, it violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692e. *See Balke v. Alliance One Receivables Management, Inc.*, No. 16-CV 5624(ADS)(AKT), 2017 WL 2634653 (E.D.N.Y. June 19, 2017).

Second Count Violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2), 1692e(10) and 1692e(5) False or Misleading Representations

- 50. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "33" herein with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein.
 - 51. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this section:

- (2) the false representation of
 - (A) the character, amount, or legal status of any debt; or...
- (5) the threat to take any action that cannot legally be taken or that is not intended to be taken
- (10) the use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer."
- 52. The Collection Letter provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Total amount of debt due at charge-off: \$2,485.55 The total amount of transactions since charge-off:

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Non-Interest Charges/Fees or Balance Adjustments:

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Total now due: \$2.485.55".

- 53. The least sophisticated consumer would understand that charges and fees would begin to accrue on the account if she did not pay.
 - 54. However, no such interest and fees were accruing on the account.
 - 55. Furthermore, the Defendant was not contractually entitled to interest and fees.
 - 56. The Defendant never intended to add any interest and fees to Plaintiff's account.

- 57. The Defendant misrepresented the character of the alleged debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692e(2)(a), when it falsely implied charges fees could accrue on the account.
- 58. Defendant further threatened to take an action it did not intend to take, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5), when it implied it would add interest, fees, and other non-interest charges or fees to Plaintiff's alleged debt.
- 59. Defendant could have avoided any confusion by not listing charges, fees, and other non-interest charges or fees in its Collection Letter at all by providing "N/A." See *Wood v. Allied Interstate, LLC*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 98738, 2018 WL 2967061 ("[B]y stating that fees and collection costs stood at '\$0.00,' instead of stating something like 'N/A' or declining to mention fees and collection costs at all, the letter reasonably could be read to imply that such charges would begin to accrue if Wood did not pay the debt. Why, after all, would Allied include a column for fees and collection charges, and insert a dollar figure (\$0.00), if not to suggest that such fees and costs might accrue in the future?")
- 60. Plaintiff suffered an injury in fact by being subjected to unfair and abusive practices of the Defendant.
- 61. Plaintiff suffered actual harm by being the target of the Defendant's misleading debt collection communications.
- 62. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right not to be the target of misleading debt collection communications.
 - 63. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right to a truthful and fair debt collection process.
- 64. Defendant used materially false, deceptive, misleading representations and means in its attempted collection of Plaintiff's alleged debt.

- 65. Defendant's communications were designed to cause the debtor to suffer a harmful disadvantage in charting a course of action in response to Defendant's collection efforts.
- 66. The FDCPA ensures that consumers are fully and truthfully apprised of the facts and of their rights. The FDPCA enables consumers to understand, make informed decisions about, and participate fully and meaningfully in the debt collection process. One purpose of the FDPCA, among others, is to provide information that helps consumers choose intelligently. The Defendant's false representations misled the Plaintiff in a manner that deprived her of her right to enjoy these benefits. As a result, Defendant's materially misleading statements trigger liability under § 1692e of the FDCPA.
- 67. Defendant's deceptive communications additionally violate the FDPCA since they frustrate the consumer's ability to intelligently choose his or her response.
- 68. As an actual and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered, including, without limitation, fear, stress, mental anguish, emotional stress and acute embarrassment for which he should be compensated in an amount to be established by a jury.
 - 69. As a result of the foregoing Count, Defendant violated the FDCPA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

- (a) Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class representative and Cohen & Mizrahi LLP, as Class Counsel;
- (b) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;
- (d) Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses;
- (e) Awarding pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest; and

(f) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

COHEN & MIZRAHI LLP

Dated: Brooklyn, New York By: <u>/s/ Daniel C. Cohen</u>

September 20, 2018 Daniel C. Cohen, Esq. Cohen & Mizrahi LLP

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

/s/ Daniel C. Cohen
Daniel C. Cohen, Esq.

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CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

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September 19, 2017 Last Payment Date or Default Date: 06/22/2015

Account Number: 4

SELLER: SYNCHRONY BANK

MERCHANT: GAP

ORIGINAL CREDITOR: SYNCHRONY BANK CHARGE-OFF CREDITOR: SYNCHRONY BANK

LAST 4 DIGITS OF CHARGE-OFF ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1189

Original Account Number:

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

Account Transferred to Litigation Department

Your account has been transferred to the Litigation Department. At this time, no attorney within the Litigation Department has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC wants to help you resolve this account!

Your account qualifies for our settlement program. Here are three options for you to choose from:

Single Payment Settlement	6 Month Payment Plan	12 Month Payment Plan
• Save \$745.67 off the balance	Save \$621.41 off the balance	Save \$497.15 off the balance
• Pay \$1,739.88	Pay \$310.69 per month for the next 6 months	Pay \$165.70 per month for the next 12 months

Your first payment must be received in our office no later than 10/16/2017. Your account will be considered "Settled in Full" once your final payment is successfully posted.

Benefits of settling this account by one of the plans as described above:

• Your debt on this account will be resolved

All collection activities on this account will cease

If our company is reporting this account to the three major credit reporting agencies, we will request that our company's tradeline be updated to reflect that this account is now settled.

Please contact our office no later than 10/16/2017 by calling during our business hours to discuss how we can work together to resolve this account. We reserve the right to withdraw or modify this offer at a later date if no payments or payment arrangements are made by 10/16/2017.

Various Payment Options Available Including:

Call: To

Call Toll-Free at 1-866-428-8102 to:

- Discuss payment arrangements with Brandon Klinedinst Authorize automatic withdrawals from your bank account Complete a debit card payment

Mail: 🖂

Balance: \$2,485.55**

Complete the attached coupon

Make all checks and payments to:
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC
P.O. Box 12903
Norfolk VA 23541

Business Hours: 8 AM to 9 PM Mon. - Fri., and 8 AM to 5 PM Sat. (EST)

We are not obligated to renew this offer.

**The following is a breakdown of your balance since charge-off:

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Non-Interest Charges/Fees or Balance Adjustments: \$0.00

Payments: \$0.00 Total Now Due: \$2,485.55

You may request copies of documentation relating to your account which includes original account-level documentation available to Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, account chain of title, and either a signed account application or account statements reflecting a purchase, payment or other use of the account. To do so, you must send your request in writing to: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, 140 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC will provide the documentation to you at no cost within 30 days of receiving your request.

This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Notice: See Reverse Side for Important Information

*** PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR PAYMENT***

DEPT 922 2187830817092 PO BOX 4115 CONCORD CA 94524

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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DANIEL ABRAHAMOV

ROOKLYN NY 11235-6101

Account Number:

Payment Amount: _

Make all checks payable to Portfolio Recovery

Associates, LLC

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC P.O. Box 12903 Norfolk VA 23541





MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC SEND ALL PAYMENTS TO: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 12903, Norfolk, VA 23541

COMPANY ADDRESS: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, 120 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502

DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Disputes Department, 140 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502

DISPUTES DEPARTMENT E-MAIL ADDRESS: PRA_Disputes@portfoliorecovery.com

QUALITY SERVICE AVAILABLE Mon. - Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM (EST)

Not happy with the way you were treated? Our company strives to provide professional and courteous service to all our customers. Contact one of our staff to discuss issues related to our quality of service to you by phone at (800) 772-1413 or by e-mail at qualityservice@portfoliorecovery.com.

PRIVACY NOTICE: We collect certain personal information about you from the following sources: (a) information we received from you; (b) information about your transactions with our affiliates, others, or us; (c) information we receive from consumer reporting agencies. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as permitted by law. We restrict access to nonpublic information about you to those employees and entities that need to know that information in order to collect your account. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

NOTICE: We are required under state law to notify consumers of the following rights. This list does not include a complete list of rights consumers have under state and federal laws:

COLORADO: Office located at 4600 South Syracuse Street, Suite 966, Denver, CO 80237. Telephone 1-866-508-4751.

MAINE: Telephone number at licensed location is (800) 772-1413. Hours of operation at licensed location are 8 AM to 9 PM Mon. - Fri., 8 AM to 5 PM Sat., (EST).

MASSACHUSETTS: Office located at 49 Winter St., Weymouth, MA 02188. Telephone (800) 772-1413. Hours of operation are 9 AM to 6 PM Monday through Thursday (EST). NOTICE OF IMPORTANT RIGHTS: You have the right to make a written or oral request that telephone calls regarding your debt not be made to you at your place of employment. Any such oral request will be valid for only ten days unless you provide written confirmation of the request postmarked or delivered within seven days of such request. You may terminate this request by writing to the debt collector.

NEW YORK CITY: City of New York License Numbers 1096994, 1394695, 1394697, 1394696, 1394698, 2045465, 2052875.

NORTH CAROLINA: Collection Agency Permit No. 4132.

TENNESSEE: This collection agency is licensed by the Tennessee Collection Service Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance. (#00000770)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York						
DANIEL ABRAHAMOV, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,)						
Plaintiff(s)						
v.)	Civil Action No.					
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC,)						
Defendant(s)						
SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION						
To: (Defendant's name and address) PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSO C/O CORPORATION SERVICE 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK 11207-25	COMPANY					
A lawsuit has been filed against you.						
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (n are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must whose name and address are: COHEN & MIZRAHI LLP 300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST, 12 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 1120	to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of list be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, 2TH FLOOR					
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be enter You also must file your answer or motion with the court.	red against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.					
	CLERK OF COURT					
Date:						
	Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk					

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PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

	This summons for (na	me of individual and title, if a	ny)				
was rec	ceived by me on (date)	-	·				
	☐ I personally served	d the summons on the inc	dividual at (place)				
			on (date)	; or			
	☐ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (name)						
			, a person of suitable age and discretion who res	sides there,			
	on (date), and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or						
	☐ I served the summ	ons on (name of individual)		, who i	s		
	designated by law to	accept service of proces	s on behalf of (name of organization)				
			on (date)	; or			
	☐ I returned the sum	se	; 01	r			
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	My fees are \$	for travel and	\$ for services, for a total of \$	0	_ •		
	I declare under penal	ty of perjury that this info	ormation is true.				
Date:		-	Server's signature		-		
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		-	Server's address		=		

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