UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LINDA LASER and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated

Plaintiff,

Case No.:

-against-

COMPLAINT

Jury Trial Demanded

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. and WHAT CHEER III LLC.,

Defendants.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF SOUGHT

Plaintiff, LINDA LASER, on behalf of herself and for the benefit of all others similarly situated, by and through the undersigned counsel, and in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and all other applicable rules, statutes, regulations, and governing legal authorities, hereby files the instant Complaint against Defendants JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. (hereinafter "CHASE BANK") and WHAT CHEER III LLC and for violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12181 *et seq.*

NATURE OF THE CLAIMS

1. This lawsuit opposes pervasive, ongoing, and inexcusable disability discrimination by the Defendants. In this action, plaintiff seeks declaratory, injunctive and equitable relief, as well as monetary damages and attorney's fees, costs and expenses to redress Defendants unlawful disability discrimination against plaintiff, in violation of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") 42 U.S.C. §§ 12181 et seq. and its implementing regulation, the New York State Executive Law (the "Executive Law") § 296, the New York State Civil Rights Law § 40 and Suffolk County Code Chapter § 528 . Plaintiff also alleges a claim for Negligence. As explained more fully below, the Defendants own lease, lease to, operate and control a place of public accommodation that violates the above-mentioned laws. Defendants are

vicariously liable for the acts and omissions of their employees and agents for the conduct alleged herein.

JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS

2. This is an action for injunctive relief for violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (hereinafter "ADA") entitling plaintiff to attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs expended in pursuing this action in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 12181 *et seq*.

3. Defendant CHASE BANK is a foreign limited liability company duly licensed to conduct business in New York State. Defendant WHAT CHEER III LLC is a domestic limited liability company, duly licensed and authorized to conduct business in the state of New York.

4. Defendant, WHAT CHEER III LLC is the owner of the property and associated building located at 54 Main Street, Northport, New York, County of Suffolk, State of New York (hereinafter the "Premises").

5. Defendant-Operator CHASE BANK is a corporation licensed to and doing business in New York State. Defendant CHASE BANK is the operator of a bank located at the Premises. Defendants CHASE BANK and WHAT CHEER III LLC collectively referred to herein as ("Defendants").

6. Plaintiff LINDA LASER is an adult female confined to a wheelchair. LINDA LASER is required to use a wheelchair as a result of being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Prior to the onset of this disease, LINDA LASER, was able to move freely and without restriction. As a result of the disease, plaintiff, is incapable of moving around outside of her home without assistance and a wheelchair. Plaintiff's orthopedic and neurologic conditions prevent her from walking without a wheelchair or assistance. She has further restrictions, including caring for

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herself, or performing any other tasks associated with daily living. Plaintiff resides in Huntington, New York.

7. Robert Laser, plaintiff's spouse, has served as plaintiff's general caretaker and is tasked with the responsibility of assisting her outside of her home.

8. This Court has original jurisdiction over claims arising under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (*see* 42 U.S.C. § 12181 *et seq.*; 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343 as this action involves federal questions regarding the deprivation of plaintiff's right under the ADA. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over plaintiffs' related claims arising under the New York State laws pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

9. Venue properly lies in the Eastern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 because Defendants acts of discrimination alleged herein occurred in this district and Defendants' place of public accommodation that are the subject of this action are located in this district.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

10. The Defendants are public accommodations as they own, lease, lease to, control or operate a place of public accommodation, CHASE BANK located at the Premises, within the meaning of the ADA (42 U.S.C. §12181 and 28 C.F.R. § 36.104), the Executive Law (§ 292(9)) and the Suffolk County Code Chapter § 528.

11. CHASE BANK is a place of public accommodation within the meaning of the ADA (42 U.S.C. §12181 and 28 C.F.R. § 36.104), the Executive Law (§ 292(9)) and the Suffolk County Code Chapter § 528, as the facility is operated by a private entity as a retail establishment and its operations affect commerce.

12. On or about, August 4, 2019 plaintiff attempted to access the business.

13. On or about, August 4, 2019 plaintiff discovered that the premises contained,

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architectural barriers at Defendants' place of public accommodation that prevents and/or restricts access to plaintiff, a person with a disability.

14. The services, features, elements and spaces of Defendants' place of public accommodation are not readily accessible to, or usable by the plaintiff as required by the ADA Accessibility Guidelines, 28 C.F.R. Part 36, Appendix A, and adopted by the United States Department of Justice in 1991 or the revised final regulation implementing Title III of the ADA adopted by the United States Department of Justice Department of Justice in 2010 (all hereinafter referred to as the "Accessibility Standards").

15. The services, features, elements and spaces of Defendants' place of public accommodation are not readily accessible to, or usable by plaintiff as required by the Suffolk County Code Chapter § 528 *et. seq.*

16. Because of Defendants' failure to comply with the above-mentioned laws, including but not limited to the Accessibility Standards and the Administrative Code, plaintiff was and has been unable to enjoy equal and complete access to Defendants' place of public accommodation.

17. Defendants' place of public accommodation has not been designed, constructed, or altered in compliance with the Accessibility Standards and the Administrative Code.

18. Plaintiff and his primary caretaker enjoy going out for daily activities, such as shopping. Plaintiff can't perform daily activities outside the house without the use of a wheelchair.

19. Plaintiff visited the property which forms the basis of this lawsuit but encountered architectural barriers at the subject property precluding them from reasonably accessing the goods and services provided to non-disabled individuals. The barriers to access at the Premises

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have deterred plaintiff from availing herself of and are denying him the opportunity to participate and benefit from the goods, services, privileges, advantages, facilities and accommodations at Defendants' property equal to that afforded to other individuals.

20. Defendants have and are continuing to discriminate against plaintiff and other similarly situated disabled individuals by failing to provide accessible facilities on or before January 26, 1992¹ in violation of the ADA.

21. More specifically, plaintiff is being deprived of the meaningful choice of freely visiting the same accommodations readily available to the general public and plaintiff is further deterred and discouraged from additional travel due to Defendant's ongoing non-compliance with the ADA.

22. Barriers to access that plaintiff encountered and/or which exist at the Defendants' place of public accommodation include, but are not limited to, the barriers identified below:

- a. The primary entrance to Defendants' public accommodation is not accessible due to steps approximately 6 inches or more in height which run the length of the entrance way and prevent wheelchair access;
- b. The primary entrance to Defendant's public accommodation is not accessible;
- c. Defendants fail to provide an accessible route to the primary entrance from the sidewalk or street;
- d. At the inaccessible public entrance, Defendants do not provide and display the International Symbol of Accessibility with the required information indicating the location of a designated and nearest accessible entrance;
- e. Defendants have an inaccessible public entrance and fail to provide and display the International Symbol of Accessibility at a designated

¹ A "place of public accommodation" having ten (10) or fewer employees <u>and gross receipts</u> totaling five hundred thousand dollars or less (\$500,000.00) shall have until January 26, 1993 to ensure compliance with the ADA.

accessible entrance;

- f. Defendants fail to provide accessible entrances in a number at least equivalent to the number of exits provided by the New York Building and Fire Codes;
- g. Defendants fail to provide that at least 50% and/or 60% of all its public entrances are accessible;
- h. Defendants fail to provide that an accessible route from the primary entrance to the entire interior is equivalent to the route afforded to non-disabled;
- i. Defendant Landlord failed to provide an accessible entrance to the Defendant Operator;
- j. Defendant failed to maintain accessible features and failed to adhere to policies, practices and procedures to ensure that the goods and services being offered, as well as the facilities themselves, are accessible to people with disabilities.
- k. On or about August 4, 2019 an inquiry was made to employees, servants, agents, staff of Defendants, regarding the use of temporary access to the premises and were informed that none exist.

23. Upon information and belief, the above-listed discriminatory violations are not an exhaustive list of all ADA violations on the Premises. Plaintiff requires an inspection of Defendant's place of public accommodation in order to identify, photograph and measure all the barriers to access that constitute discriminatory acts in violation of the ADA.

24. Notice to Defendant prior to initiating suit is not mandated by the ADA. All other conditions precedent to filing suit have been satisfied or are waived by Defendant. Defendant's violations of the ADA have been ongoing despite the ADA mandating compliance by no later than January 26, 1992 (or January 26, 1993).

25. Defendants have failed to ensure that its place of public accommodation and the elements therein are in compliance with the Accessibility Standards and the Administrative Code, including but not limited to ensuring the maintenance of accessible features.

26. The barriers to access within Defendants' place of public accommodation

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continue to exist.

27. Plaintiff has a realistic, credible and continuing threat of discrimination from Defendants' non-compliance with the laws prohibiting disability discrimination. The barriers to access within Defendants' place of public accommodation continue to exist and deter plaintiff.

28. Plaintiff travels frequently to the shopping area and neighborhood where Defendants' place of public accommodation is located and patronizes places in the neighborhood.

29. Plaintiff intends to patronize the Defendants' place of public accommodation several times a year after they become fully accessible and complaint with the Accessibility Standards and the Administrative Code.

30. Plaintiff is also a "tester" for the purposes of asserting basic civil rights and monitoring, ensuring, and determining whether Defendants' place of public accommodation is fully accessible and compliant with the Accessibility Standards and the Administrative Code.

31. Plaintiff intends to patronize the Defendants' place of public accommodation several times a year as "tester" to monitor, ensure, and determine whether Defendant's place of public accommodation is fully accessible and compliant with the Accessibility Standards and the Administrative Code – all for the benefit of those similarly situated to plaintiff.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (VIOLATIONS OF THE ADA)

32. Plaintiff reallege and incorporate by reference all the allegations set forth in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

33. Plaintiff is substantially limited in the life activity of both walking and body motion range and thus has a disability within the meaning of the ADA. As a direct and proximate result of Plaintiff's disability, plaintiff uses a wheelchair for mobility, and has restricted use of his arms and hands.

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34. The ADA imposes joint and several liability on both the property owner and lessee of a public accommodation. 28 C.F.R. 36.201(b).

35. The Defendants have and continue to subject plaintiff to disparate treatment by denying plaintiff full and equal opportunity to use their place of public accommodation all because plaintiff is disabled. Defendants' policies and practices have disparately impacted plaintiff.

36. By failing to comply with the law, Defendants have articulated to disabled persons such as the plaintiff that they are not welcome, objectionable and not desired as patrons of their public accommodation.

37. Defendants have discriminated against plaintiff by designing and/or constructing a building, facility and place of public accommodation that is not readily accessible to and usable by the disabled plaintiff and not fully compliant with the Accessibility Standards.

38. Defendants' place of public accommodation is not fully accessible and fails to provide an integrated and equal setting for the disabled in violation of 42 U.S.C. §12182 and 28 C.F.R. § 36.203.

39. Upon making alterations to their public accommodation, Defendants failed to make their place of public accommodation accessible to plaintiff to the maximum extent feasible in violation of 28 C.F.R. §§ 36.402 and 36.406.

40. Defendants' failed to make all readily achievable accommodations and modifications to remove barriers to access in violation of 28 C.F.R. § 36.304. It would be readily achievable to make Defendants' place of public accommodation fully accessible.

41. By failing to remove the barriers to access where it is readily achievable to do so, Defendants have discriminated against plaintiff based on disability in violation of § 302 of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. §12182, and 28 C.F.R. §36.304.

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42. In the alternative, Defendants have violated the ADA by failing to provide plaintiff with reasonable alternatives to barrier removal as required by 28 C.F.R. § 36.305.

43. Defendants' failure to remove the barriers to access constitutes a pattern and practice of disability discrimination in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 12181 *et seq.* and 28 C.F.R. § 36.202 *et seq.*

44. WHAT CHEER III LLC'S failure to construct and maintain an accessible entrance from the public sidewalk to Defendants' place of public accommodation constitutes disability discrimination in a violation of the ADA.

45. Defendants' have and continue to discriminate against plaintiff' in violation of the ADA by maintaining and/or creating an inaccessible public accommodation.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (VIOLATIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE LAW)

46. Plaintiff reallege and incorporate by reference all the allegations set forth in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

47. Plaintiff suffers from various medical conditions that separately and together prevent the exercise of normal bodily functions. Plaintiff can't perform the life activities of both walking and body motion range. Plaintiff therefore suffers from a disability within the meaning of the Executive Law § 296(21).

48. Defendants' have and continue to subject plaintiff to disparate treatment by denying plaintiff equal opportunity to use their place of public accommodation all because plaintiff is disabled.

49. Defendants discriminated against plaintiff in violation of New York State Executive Law § 296(2), by maintaining and/or creating an inaccessible place of public accommodation. Each Defendant has aided and abetted others in committing disability

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discrimination.

50. Defendants have failed to make all readily achievable accommodations and modifications to remove barriers to access in violation of Executive Law § 296(2) ((c)(iii).

51. In the alternative, Defendants have failed to provide plaintiff with reasonable alternatives to barrier removal as required in violation of Executive Law § 296(2)(c)(iv).

52. It would be readily achievable to make Defendants' place of public accommodation fully accessible.

53. It would not impose an undue hardship or undue burden on Defendants to make their place of public accommodation fully accessible.

54. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful discrimination in violation of New York Executive Law, plaintiff has suffered and continue to suffer emotional distress, including but not limited to humiliation, embarrassment, stress, and anxiety.

55. Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of at least Fifty Thousand Dollars(\$50,000.00) from each Defendant and the total amount shall be determined at trial.

<u>THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION</u> (VIOLATIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW)

56. Plaintiff reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations set forth in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

57. Defendants discriminated against plaintiff pursuant to New York State Executive Law.

58. Consequently, plaintiff is entitled to recover the penalty prescribed by Civil Rights Law § 40-c and 40-d, in the amount of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** per defendant for each and every barrier and violation.

59. Notice of Defendants' violations and this action has been served upon the

Attorney General as required by Civil Rights Law § 40-d. (See Exhibit A attached hereto).

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (COMMON LAW NEGLIGENCE)

60. Plaintiff reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations set forth in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

61. Defendants negligently designed, constructed, operated, repaired and maintained their place of public accommodation located at the Premises in a manner that has rendered their place of public accommodation unsafe to the disabled plaintiff.

62. At all relevant times, Defendants, who hold their property open to the public, have had a duty to patrons such as plaintiff to design, construct, operate, repair and maintain their place of public accommodation located at the Premises in a reasonably safe condition, including a duty to comply with the Administrative Code.

63. Defendants breached their duty by negligently designing, constructing, operating, repairing and maintaining their place of public accommodation located at the Premises in a manner that has unreasonably endangered the plaintiff's physical safety and caused plaintiff to fear for plaintiff safety.

64. Defendants' failure to design, construct, operate, repair and maintain their place of public accommodation located at the Premises is not safe to the disabled.

65. As a direct result of Defendants' negligence, plaintiff have suffered and continue to suffer emotional distress damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

66. Plaintiff will continue to experience unlawful discrimination as a result of Defendants' failure to comply with the above-mentioned laws. Therefore, injunctive relief is

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necessary to order Defendants to alter and modify their place of public accommodation and their operations, policies, practices, and procedures.

67. Injunctive relief is also necessary to make defendants' facilities readily accessible to and usable by plaintiff in accordance with the above-mentioned laws.

68. Injunctive relief is further necessary to order Defendants to provide auxiliary aids or services, modification of their policies, and/or provisions of alternative methods in accordance with the ADA, Executive Law and the Administrative Code.

DECLARATORY RELIEF

69. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaratory judgment concerning each of the accessibility violations committed by Defendants against plaintiff and as to required alterations and modifications to Defendants' place of public accommodation, facilities, goods and services, and to Defendants' policies, practices and procedures.

ATTORNEY'S FEES, EXPENSES AND COSTS

70. In order to enforce plaintiffs' rights against the Defendants plaintiff has retained counsel and are entitled to recover attorney's fees, expenses and costs pursuant to the ADA and the Administrative Code. 42 U.S.C. § 12205; 28 C.F.R. § 36.505; and Suffolk County Code Chapter § 528.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter a judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, in favor of plaintiff that contains the following relief:

A. Enter declaratory judgment declaring that Defendants have violated the ADA and its

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implementing regulations, Executive Law and Administrative Code and declaring the rights of plaintiff as to Defendants' place of public accommodation, and Defendants' policies, practices and procedures;

- B. Issue a permanent injunction ordering Defendants to close and cease all business until Defendants remove all violations of the ADA, the Accessibility Standards, Executive Law and Administrative Code, including but not limited to the violations set forth above;
- C. Retain jurisdiction over the Defendants until the Court is satisfied that the Defendants' unlawful practices, acts and omissions no longer exist and will not reoccur;
- D. Find Defendants guilty of a class A misdemeanor for violating New York State Civil
 Rights Law pursuant to New York State Civil Rights Law § 40-d;
- E. Award at least **FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00)** to plaintiff as compensatory damages, per defendant, plus pre-judgment interest, as a result of Defendants' violations of New York State Executive Law;
- F. Award plaintiff FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for each and every barrier and violation of the law, per defendant, pursuant to New York State Civil Rights Law §§ 40c and 40-d;
- G. Award reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses pursuant to the Administrative Code;
- H. Find the plaintiff is a prevailing party in this litigation and award reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses pursuant to the ADA;
- I. Any such other and further relief the Court shall deem just and proper.

Dated: Garden City, New York November 20, 2019

THE LAW OFFICE OF DARRYN SOLOTOFF PLLC s/Darryn G. Solotoff

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. *(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)*

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Local Arbitration Rule 83.7 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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compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

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the complaint seeks injunctive relief,

the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks:

RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. 54 Main Street Northport, NY 11768

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: $P_{12} = 0.0 \pm 1.0$

Darryn G. Solotoff, Esq. 100 Quentin Roosevelt Blvd, Suite 208 Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 695-0052

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

> DOUGLAS C. PALMER CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York

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Civil Action No.

Linda Laser and On Behalf of All Others Similarly

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

What Cheer III LLC 9777 Queens Blvd. Rego Park, NY 11374

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Darryn G. Solotoff, Esq. 100 Quentin Roosevelt Blvd, Suite 208 Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 695-0052

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

> DOUGLAS C. PALMER CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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	This summons for (nan	ne of individual and title, if any)						
was ree	ceived by me on (date)	·						
	□ I personally served the summons on the individual at (<i>place</i>)							
			on (date)	; or				
			usual place of abode with (name)					
		, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,						
	on (date)	, and mailed a copy to	the individual's last known address; or					
	\Box I served the summo	ns on (name of individual)		, who is				
	designated by law to a	designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (name of organization)						
			on (date)	; or				
	□ I returned the summ	nons unexecuted because		; or				
	Other (<i>specify</i>):							
	My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00	- •			
	I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.							
Date:								
			Server's signature					
			Printed name and title					

Server's address

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