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HAMPTON RIDGE HEALTHCARE & REHABILITATION CENTER,

Plaintiff,

V.

IDELLA WRIGHT and CHARLES DOUGLAS,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: OCEAN COUNTY

DOCKET NO.: L-2335-16

**CIVIL ACTION** 

ANSWER and COUNTERCLAIM

Defendant Charles Douglas, maintaining an address at 1458 Brentwood Terrace, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060, by way of Answer to the Complaint of the Plaintiff, says:

- 1. Admitted.
- 2. Admitted.
- 3. Admitted.
- 4. Denied.
- 5. Denied.
- 6. Denied.
- 7. Denied.
- 8. Denied.
- 9. Denied.



- 10. Denied.
- 11. Denied.
- 12. Denied.
- 13. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Charles Douglas demands judgment dismissing the Complaint, and seeking costs and fees against the Plaintiff.

DATED:

October 14, 2016

J.H BARR & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

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Jon-Henry Barr, Esq.

#### **SEPARATE DEFENSES**

- 1. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. The plaintiff is barred from relief as the Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction.
- 3. The plaintiff is barred from relief as the Court lacks in personam jurisdiction.
- 4. Any damages alleged to have been suffered by the plaintiff were caused solely by the plaintiff's own conduct.
- 5. The plaintiff's claims are barred by the Doctrine of Laches.
- 6. The plaintiff's claims are barred by the Doctrine of Unclean Hands.
- 7. The plaintiff's claims are barred by Accord and Satisfaction.
- 8. The plaintiff's claims are barred by the Doctrine of Waiver.
- 9. The plaintiff's claims are barred by collateral estoppel.

- 10. The plaintiff's claims are barred by equitable estoppel.
- 11. The plaintiff's claims are frivolous pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:15-59.1 and Court

  Rule 1:4-8, permitting this defendant to move for fees and costs.
- 12. The plaintiff failed to mitigate damages.
- 13. This answering defendant pleads the Statute of Frauds.
- 14. Any damages alleged to have been suffered by the plaintiff were caused solely by the co-defendant.
- 15. This defendant did not breach any warranties, either express or implied.

DATED:

October 14, 2015

J.H. BARR & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

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#### **COUNTERCLAIM**

#### First Count - Breach of Contract

- 1. The plaintiff advised Defendant-Counterclaimant Charles Douglas that plaintiff was fully capable of caring for and treating Idella Wright.
- 2. In fact, the plaintiff was unable to properly care for or treat Idella Wright, requiring her to be moved to another more appropriate facility.
- 3. The plaintiff knew that it would be unable to properly care for or treat Idella Wright.
- 4. Defendant-Counterclaimant Charles Douglas was specifically advised, both orally and in writing, that he would not be a personal guarantor of payment on behalf of

Idella Wright.

- 5. Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas was never provided with any notice of his alleged obligation to personally guarantee payment until this lawsuit was served upon him.
- Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas was never provided with any notice of any credits against this bill, including Social Security and personal fund payments for Idella Wright.
- 7. The failure of the plaintiff to provide proper care for Idella Wright, along with its failure to provide the notices as aforesaid, as well as its reversal of the prior commitment not to hold Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas personally responsible for unpaid balances, constitute a breach of contract.
- 8. The plaintiff's breach of contract has caused Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas damages.

WHEREFORE, Counterclaimant Charles Douglas demands judgment on this count for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, legal fees and costs of suit.

#### Second Count - Common Law Fraud

- Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas repeats and reiterates each allegation of the First
   Count of the Counterclaim as if same were set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas was never provided with any notice of the plaintiff's inability to provide care to Idella Wright until after a significant monetary obligation was

incurred by her.

- 3. Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas was specifically enticed into signing an Admission Agreement on behalf of Idella Wright with the false promise that he would not be held personally responsible for her financial obligations as long as Idella Wright's funds were used to pay the plaintiff.
- 4. Plaintiff also falsely claimed that a "spend-down" had to take place which spending would be restricted to paying the plaintiff as a "private-pay" patient.
- 5. As a result of said false statements and promises, Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas signed an Admission Agreement on behalf of Idella Wright.
- 6. The false promises and statements by the plaintiff constitutes fraud.
- 7. The plaintiff's fraud has caused Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas damages.

WHEREFORE, Counterclaimant Charles Douglas demands judgment on this count for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, legal fees and costs of suit.

#### Third Count - Consumer Fraud

- 1. Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas repeats and reiterates each allegation of the First and Second Counts of the Counterclaim as if same were set forth at length herein.
- The false promises as noted aforesaid were material misrepresentations and therefore actionable under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, <u>N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq.</u>
- The plaintiff's Consumer Fraud conduct has caused Defendant-Counterclaimant Douglas damages.

WHEREFORE, Counterclaimant Charles Douglas demands judgment on this count for compensatory and treble damages, together with interest, legal fees and costs of suit.

DATED:

October 14, 2016

J.H. BARR & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

Bv:

Jon-Henry Barr, Esq.

#### **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 4:5-1**

Pursuant to R.4:5-1, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the within matter is not the subject of any other action pending in any court or the subject of a pending arbitration proceeding. I further certify that no other action or arbitration is contemplated, nor do we know of any other party who should be joined in the counterclaim.

DATED:

October 14, 2016

J.H. BARR & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

Bv:

Jon-Henry Barr, Esq.

#### **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 1:38-7**

(1) Pursuant to R.1:38-7, I hereby certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future.

DATED:

October 14, 2016

J.H. BARR & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

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Jon-Henry Barr, Esq.

#### **DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL**

Pursuant to Rule 4:25-4, Jon-Henry Barr, Esq. is hereby designated as trial counsel for defendant/counterclaimant Charles Douglas in this matter.

DATED:

October 14, 2016

J.H. BARR & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

Bv:

Jon-Henry Barr, Esq.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Defendant/counterclaimant Charles Douglas hereby demands a trial by jury as to all counts in this matter.

DATED:

October 14, 2016

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