### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Christopher Thomas, Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Jan Thomas, Deceased,

Case No. 2019 CV 0573

Plaintiff,

Judge Laurel Beatty Blunt

VS.

Jury Demand Endorsed Hereon

Mount Carmel Health System d/b/a Mount Carmel West, et al.,

Defendants.

# ANSWER OF DEFENDANT WILLIAM S. HUSEL, D.O., TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

Now comes Defendant William S. Husel, D.O., and answers Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as follows:

- 1. This answering Defendant admits the allegations in paragraphs 18 and 19 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.
- 2. This answering Defendant specifically admits this Defendant, William S. Husel, D.O., was a resident of Ohio, duly licensed to practice medicine in Ohio and practiced in Franklin County, Ohio. Further answering, this Defendant specifically admits he was employed by Mount Carmel Medical Group. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all remaining allegations made and contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.
- 3. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no

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2075 MARBLE CLIFF OFFICE PARK COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215-1053 (614) 485-1800 responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all allegations made and contained in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23,

24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

4. In answer to paragraph 31 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this answering Defendant re-alleges and re-avers any and all answers, responses and

defenses made and contained in response to paragraphs 1 through 30 of Plaintiff's

Amended Complaint, as if fully rewritten herein.

5. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form

because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no

responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all allegations made and

contained in paragraphs 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 of Plaintiff's

Amended Complaint.

6. In answer to paragraph 44 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this

answering Defendant re-alleges and re-avers any and all answers, responses and

defenses made and contained in response to paragraphs 1 through 43 of Plaintiff's

Amended Complaint, as if fully rewritten herein.

7. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form

because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no

responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all allegations made and

contained in paragraphs 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52 of Plaintiff's Amended

Complaint.

8. In answer to paragraph 53 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this

answering Defendant re-alleges and re-avers any and all answers, responses and

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defenses made and contained in response to paragraphs 1 through 52 of Plaintiff's

Amended Complaint, as if fully rewritten herein.

9. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form

because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no

responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all allegations made and

contained in paragraphs 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

10. In answer to paragraph 60 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this

answering Defendant re-alleges and re-avers any and all answers, responses and

defenses made and contained in response to paragraphs 1 through 59 of Plaintiff's

Amended Complaint, as if fully rewritten herein.

11. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form

because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no

responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all allegations made and

contained in paragraphs 61, 62, 63 and 64 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

12. In answer to paragraph 65 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this

answering Defendant re-alleges and re-avers any and all answers, responses and

defenses made and contained in response to paragraphs 1 through 64 of Plaintiff's

Amended Complaint, as if fully rewritten herein.

13. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form

because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no

responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all allegations made and

contained in paragraphs 66, 67 and 68 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

14. In answer to paragraph 69 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, this

answering Defendant re-alleges and re-avers any and all answers, responses and

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defenses made and contained in response to paragraphs 1 through 68 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

15. For want of knowledge, because they are not true, or as a matter of form because the allegations are not directed at this answering Defendant and/or require no responsive pleading, this answering Defendant denies any and all allegations made and contained in paragraphs 70, 71 and 72 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

16. This answering Defendant denies any and all allegations set forth in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint that are not specifically admitted as true herein.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- 17. This Defendant is immune to this suit and not liable in damages in this tort or any tort of this nature pursuant to statute set forth in R.C. 1337.15 et. seq. and R.C. 2133.11 et. seq.
- 18. Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, in whole or in part, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- 19. Plaintiff's claims for recovery are barred by the equitable doctrines of waiver, estoppel (and promissory estoppel) and/or laches.
- 20. Plaintiff has failed to join necessary and/or indispensable parties pursuant to Rules 19 and 19.1 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 21. Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's decedent's claimed injuries and damages were caused by the superseding and/or intervening acts of other parties or persons over whom this Defendant had and could have had no control.
- 22. This Defendant is entitled to a set-off of damages and/or limitation of damages pursuant to statute.

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2075 Marble Cliff Office Park Columbus, Ohio 43215-1053 (614) 485-1800 23. The injuries and damages of which Plaintiff complains are contributed to by one or more persons from whom Plaintiff did not seek recovery in this action pursuant

to R.C. 2307.23(C).

24. Plaintiff may not be the real party in interest over all or part of this claim.

25. Plaintiff may lack capacity to pursue this action.

26. Defendant asserts the defense of failure to mitigate damages.

27. Defendant asserts the defense of legal waiver.

28. Plaintiff's claims, in whole or in part, are barred by the applicable statutes

of limitations.

29. As to the third cause of action in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant

asserts the defense of the statute of frauds.

30. As to the third cause of action in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant

asserts the defense of parol evidence.

31. As to the third cause of action in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant

asserts a lack of privity.

32. This answering Defendant respectfully reserves the right to assert

additional affirmative defenses if ongoing discovery reveals that such defenses are

warranted.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant

William S. Husel, D.O., prays that Plaintiff's Amended Complaint be dismissed as

against him with prejudice and that he be allowed to go hence without delay and with

his costs.

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# **JURY DEMAND**

Defendant William S. Husel, D.O., hereby demands a trial by jury of the within action.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was filed with the Clerk via this Court's ECF/eFiling system this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, which will provide service to all counsel of record. In addition, the undersigned certifies that an electronic copy of the foregoing has been served on the following:

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