

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

If you do not complete and return this form to the court within **FIVE DAYS** of service, **YOU WILL NOT GET A HEARING.**

Your landlord is suing you to collect rent, to end your tenancy, and/or for money damages. If you do not contest this action, you do not need to return this form to the court. A judgment will *automatically* enter against you giving you **ten days** to pay what your landlord claims is due (plus costs) or move.

If you wish to contest this action, **your answer must be filed within five days of service.** If the 5th day falls on a weekend or holiday, you have until the end of the next business day to respond. You will then receive a trial or mediation date from the court, which you must be prepared for and attend. If you do not attend, you will receive a default judgment.

For further information, please refer to the Landlord/Tenant section of the District Court web page at [www.d12.com](http://www.d12.com).

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>ANSWER Landlord Tenant</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b>
<b>Court address</b> 312 S. Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201		<b>Court telephone no.</b> (517) 788-4037
Plaintiff name(s) address(es), and telephone no(s).	www.d12.com  v	Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.		Defendant's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone number.

Reason(s) why this claim is contested:

- I want to mediate\* this case (for cases where rent is disputed, repairs are needed, etc.).
- I want a jury trial (jury fee of \$50.00 must be paid at time of filing).
- I want a bench trial (heard by a judge).

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Date

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Signature

\* Mediation is an informal dispute settlement process run by a trained, neutral third-party, called a mediator (not a judge). Mediation is intended to bring two parties together to clear up misunderstandings, find out concerns, and reach a resolution. You will be contacted by SDRS with materials.