SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

Kenneth A. Jowdy, an individual; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Tyson Nash, Greg deVriesTurner Stevenson, Mattias Norstrom, Vladimir Tsyplakov, Bryan Berard, Steve Rucchin, Brian Campbell, Darryl Sydor, Dimitri Khristich, Sergei Gonchar, Michael Peca, Jere Lehtinen, (cont.)

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CASE NUMBER:

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State of California.

- Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, Defendant KENNETH A. JOWDY ("Defendant JOWDY") is, and at all times mentioned in this complaint was, an individual operating investment businesses in Los Angeles County in the State of California. Specifically, JOWDY solicited professional hockey players and baseball players to invest in land deals and then failed to execute even the most fundamental elements of a business or development plan. JOWDY used the Southern California region as one of his hubs of business operations.
- 3. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of the Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, and therefore sue these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis, allege that DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are responsible in some manner for the damages suffered by Plaintiffs alleged herein.
- 4. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that at all times mentioned herein, each defendant herein conspired together, aided and/or abetted, operated and acted as the agent partner, joint venturer, associate and/or representatives of each other (i.e. the other defendants), and in doing the acts herein alleged, acted within the course and scope of their authority as agents and/or representative, and with the knowledge, approval, permission and consent of the other defendants.
- JOWDY operated businesses at the following addresses in the Southern California area: 420 21st Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; 5541 La Jolla Mesa Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037; 3333 East Spring Street, Long Beach, CA 90806.
- 6. The Plaintiffs, all professional hockey players who were players in good standing in the

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National Hockey League and invested various amounts with JOWDY, controlled entities that held ownership in U.S. LLCs, which held ownership in another U.S. LLC, which held ownership in a Mexican corporation, which owns beach front property in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

- 7. Specifically, two of the Plaintiffs (Jozef Stumpel and Jere Lehtinen) invested in Baja Ventures 2006, LLC, which owns 38% of Diamante Cabo San Lucas, LLC, which owns 99% of the Mexican corporation Diamante Cabo San Lucas S.De. R.L.De. C.V. The remaining twelve (12) Plaintiffs invested in CSL Properties 2006, LLC, which owns 8% of Diamante Cabo San Lucas, LLC, which owns 99% of the Mexican corporation Diamante Cabo San Lucas S.De. R.L.De. C.V.) The remaining 1% of Diamante Cabo San Lucas S.De. R.L.De. C.V. is owned by JOWDY personally. The Plaintiffs invested as follows:
 - A. \$250,000 Dimitri Khristich 12.5% of the LLC.
 - B. \$250,000 Vladimir Tsyplakov 12.5% of the LLC.
 - C. \$200,000 Bryan Berard 10% of the LLC.
 - D. \$200,000 Michael Peca 10% of the LLC.
 - E. \$100,000 Tyson Nash 5% of the LLC.
 - F. \$200,000 Turner Stevenson 10% of the LLC.
 - G. \$100,000 Ethan Moreau 5% of the LLC.1
 - H₂ \$100,000 Steve Rucchin 5% of the LLC.
 - I. \$100,000 Greg deVries 5% of the LLC.
 - J. \$100,000 Brian Campbell 5% of the LLC.

¹ Not a named plaintiff.

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- K. \$100,000 Sergei Gonchar 5% of the LLC
- L. \$100,000 Owen Nolan 5% of the LLC.2
- M. \$100,000 Mattias Norstrom 5% of the LLC.
- N. \$100,000 Darryl Sydor 5% of the LLC.
- O. Jozef Stumpel 5% of the LLC.
- P. Jere Lehtinen 5% of the LLC.
- To manage these investments, JOWDY was paid a four hundred eighty thousand dollar yearly salary (\$480,000.00), plus all travel and entertainment expenses to be the steward of the Plaintiffs' capital. Plaintiffs allege JOWDY completely mismanaged the project from day one. He acted as the sole developer as well as the sole manager of the investment entity, but over a three (3) year period he did not produce even the most fundamental elements of a master plan development such as engineering drawings or preliminary utility infrastructure. Nevertheless, he and his employees, whom consisted primarily of childhood friends with no development experience whatsoever, spent over thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000.00) over a three (3) year period. One example is when JOWDY hired a childhood friend in 2008, who was a professional chef and was hired by JOWDY as the Food and Beverage Director, when there was not even a vertical structure on the property other than the construction trailer. JOWDY spent an average of 2-3 days per month on property over the last three years. There are further examples of mismanagement, breach of fiduciary duty, nepotism, and fraud on the investors.
- 9. Bill Najam (a non-practicing attorney) who is JOWDY'S Brother in Law, was also paid a five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) yearly salary plus all travel and

² Not a named plaintiff.

entertainment expenses. His role in the company and his related business activities have yet to be identified. Mr. Najam spent no more than a couple of months (collectively) on property over the last three years. Mr. Najam was in charge of the corporate governance and while under JOWDY's direction and control, received over eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) from a LLC in Hawaii. Mr. Najam failed to properly account for those funds and has placed the JOWDY investors in a vulnerable and compromised position.

- 10. Ken Ayers (the sole Project Construction Manager), was paid a four hundred thousand dollar (\$400,000.00) yearly salary plus all travel and entertainment expenses, yet spent a grand total of less than twenty (20) days on property (collectively) over a three (3) year period. At one point late last year, he asked a fellow employee how to dial Mexico from his office in CA. He was also employed full-time by the Bridges in Rancho Santa Fe, CA during his entire tenure at Diamante Cabo San Lucas and continues to be employed by the Bridges and most likely by Diamante and Legacy Properties (JOWDY's Parent Company) simultaneously.
- 11. Brian MacNamee, who was Roger Clemens' friend, trainer, and who was also accused of supplying Clemens and others with steroids (which are readily available over the counter in Mexico), was hired by JOWDY and employed by Diamante Cabo San Lucas as a favor to Clemens. MacNamee was hired as the Fitness Center Manager before there was even a dirt road accessing the property. He currently owns a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) Hummer which has been allowed to remain parked on the property for more than a year per JOWDY'S specific instructions.
- 12. JOWDY frequently spent hundreds of thousands of dollars from the company's accounts, as well as used company resources such as private jets which were purchased with investors' money, (some of who are plaintiffs in this case) to entertain JOWDY's close

personal friends; Roger Clemens, Reggie Jackson, Joe Morgan and Pete Rose (to name a few), under the guise that these individuals would eventually purchase real estate in the development. However, Clemens and even his wife were vocal and adamant that they would never purchase property in the development. When asked about their interest in the project, other professional athlete/friends of JOWDY's, who JOWDY entertained in a similar extravagant fashion stated openly that they were not buyers either. Nevertheless, JOWDY continued to provide, and these individuals all continued to accept, gratuitous extravagant private air travel, five star hotel accommodations, luxury home rentals, unlimited food and beverage expenses, golf tournaments and lavish parties, several times per year over a three year period, all orchestrated by JOWDY and paid for using the Plaintiffs' investment capital.

- 13. JOWDY was solely responsible for inviting these individuals and was also responsible for arranging for various female porn stars, escorts, strippers, party girls and other women to attend these functions, again all paid for by the company. Clemens in particular, was a regular participant in these activities and Adrian Moore (one of the female attendees who was close to Clemens) was later hired by JOWDY, and employed by Diamante, as JOWDY's personal assistant as a personal favor to Clemens.
- 14. JOWDY and childhood friend Mark Thalman, who was represented as being a pilot and a self proclaimed aviation expert, purchased three (3) Airplanes using the Plaintiffs' business manager Philip A. Kenner's and various National Hockey League Players' (Kenner's clients) money through an entity named Diamante Air, LLC. JOWDY and Thalman misappropriated and/or lost over two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of investors' money through this entity and through the misuse of the airplanes. JOWDY and Thalman have since defaulted on the two loans for the airplanes, which were

guaranteed by Phil Kenner and Plaintiff Sergei Gonchar. The airplanes have since been repossessed by 1st Source Bank. Until recently, when Kenner and Gonchar reached a settlement at their considerable expense, Kenner and Gonchar were defending a lawsuit filed by the bank for their personal guarantee as a result of JOWDY and Thalman's negligent management of this entity. JOWDY and Thalman were the managing members of this entity and Kenner and his clients including some of the Plaintiffs are filing a lawsuit against JOWDY and Thalman regarding this entity. As a result of Kenner making JOWDY and Thalman aware of the imminent filing of a complaint, JOWDY has produced a document with only his signature on it, and now suggests that Kenner is also a Managing Member of this entity and is therefore also responsible for its demise.

- 15. JOWDY constantly used the airplanes to fly himself and various friend/employees, as well as several of the aforementioned professional athletes and female companions, to Cabo San Lucas Mexico, El Rosario Mexico, Palm Springs, CA, La Jolla, CA, New York City, NY and Las Vegas, NV (several times per year for approximately three years) under the guise of company business.
- 16. JOWDY is the sole managing member of the Diamante Cabo San Lucas project. JOWDY has contributed zero capital of his own into the project, yet he was successful in manipulating a forty percent (40%) interest in the project. He borrowed one hundred percent (100%) of the capital invested into the project on his behalf personally, directly and indirectly from Kenner and various Hockey Players who are Kenner's clients and who are now suing JOWDY for non-payment in multiple U.S. jurisdictions. These loans are in excess of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00). Criminal fraud charges have also been brought against JOWDY and an arrest warrant has been issued for JOWDY in Mexico as a result. Furthermore, JOWDY is facing several labor disputes in Mexico

which have been filed by former employees of the Diamante project who have placed labor liens on the property in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

- 17. JOWDY has defaulted on various vendor, sub-contractor, supplier and joint venture partner agreements, including but not limited to an agreement between the company owned by Phil Mickelson, which was contracted to design one of the golf courses on the Diamante Cabo San Lucas property. JOWDY entered into an agreement then used the Mickelson name to promote and lend credibility to the project for the purposes of luring in investors and buyers of property within the development. JOWDY has breached the agreement with Mickelson's company, and as a result of JOWDY's actions, Diamante Cabo San Lucas currently owes a substantial amount of money to Mickelson's company.

 18. JOWDY falsified his financial statements as part of his loan application to Lehman and
- 18. JOWDY falsified his financial statements as part of his loan application to Lehman and acquired the loan from then Lehman employee; Masood Bhatti. Bhatti was responsible for submitting JOWDY's loan application to Lehman, performing all of the necessary due diligence and facilitating JOWDY's loan with Lehman for the Diamante Cabo San Lucas project. Bhatti has since become a close personal friend of JOWDY's and is now working closely with JOWDY to raise additional capital for the project. It is further alleged that Masood Bhatti actually has a secret equity interest in the Cabo project which we believe he was given by JOWDY, as a result of Bhatti approving the questionable loan to JOWDY for Diamante. Bhatti's interest in the project is through an entity named Somerset Trust which is owned by his god-daughter. The source of the funds for the capital contribution reflected in the shareholder's agreement validating Somerset's interest in the project has been untraceable to date. While Lehman held the note and Bhatti managed the relationship between Diamante and Lehman, JOWDY allowed the

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loan to go into default. When the plaintiffs' appointed agent met with Bhatti, in an effort to remedy the problems and protect their investment, Bhatti single-handedly interfered and hindered said effort.

Due to the Lehman meltdown, a European bank by the name of Danske Bank has acquired the Diamante loan. As a result of JOWDY's misleading representations to the bank, with respect to the plaintiffs and their agents, the bank has isolated itself to dealing with only JOWDY and has refused to communicate with the Plaintiffs or their agents about significant developments of Diamante, in spite of the Plaintiffs' LLCs being coguarantors for the loan and the Plaintiffs being the only true equity investors. The Plaintiffs and their agents have also been restricted by JOWDY from physically accessing the property which they own.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

(Against Defendants JOWDY and DOES 1 to 100)

Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege herein paragraphs 1 through 19 above, as if set forth in full.

JOWDY owed Plaintiffs fiduciary duties resulting from the position of trust and owed them a duty to make true and accurate statements to them. JOWDY breached that duty by providing misleading, untrue, and inaccurate accounting of the proceeds received, the direction of the development, the time period in which he would complete the project. When in reality, JOWDY had no intention of performing any of his obligations as the sole manager of the project. He lulled the Plaintiffs into not demanding their money back and into believing he was effectively managing the project. It was not until he testified under oath in an arbitration entitled Nolan vs. Kenner, Case No. 76 148 Y 00223 08

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that JOWDY had spent eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) of borrowed money from a Delaware LLC, named Little Isle IV, without any accounting by Bill Najam who testified in said arbitration that he was the custodian of records. They discovered that after repeated requests, they would not be provided copies of the books and records to which they were entitled. The only way to view the books and records was to travel to Connecticut even though JOWDY operated out of California when he sold these investments. They discovered that JOWDY had commingled funds in non-corporate accounts, had no intention of allowing competent and capable professionals to intervene, and had run out of money. At no time did they receive warning that JOWDY had spent all of their capital on exorbitant salaries, private parties, junkets, and worthless promotional events. JOWDY instead took all of that corporate opportunity and used it to promote other projects in the United States that were not funded by the Plaintiffs.

DEAR on May 27, 2009, did Plaintiffs fully became aware through their agent the extent

of JOWDY's ethical and legal lapses as to their capital. They discovered that their capital

accounts were ZERO. They discovered the project was going nowhere. They discovered

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

FRAUD

(Against Defendants JOWDY and DOES 1 to 100)

Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by this reference as though set forth in full at this point, each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 20 above.

- 21. JOWDY owed Plaintiffs fiduciary duties resulting from the position of trust and owed them a duty to make true and accurate statements to them.
- 22. As more fully set forth above, JOWDY intentionally made the following material misrepresentations and omissions of material fact to Plaintiffs and/or their agents:

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- 1. The project would be completed within three years.
- The Plaintiffs' investment capital was secure.
- The Plaintiffs would see a return of capital within four years.
- 4. The Plaintiffs would receive monthly written updates.
- JOWDY would personally manage the project and be a competent guardian of the Plaintiffs' capital.
- JOWDY would follow appropriate corporate governance.
- 7. JOWDY would make his decisions based upon the business judgment rule and not upon nepotism, favoritism, or other decisions which benefitted himself or his friends and family.
- All of these representations were false, they all were made to the Plaintiffs' detriment, Plaintiffs' relied on these statements, and Plaintiffs suffered general, special, and exemplary damages as a result. JOWDY's conduct was willful, wanton, and showed a reckless disregard for the truth warranting punitive damages according to proof.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST AND APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER (Against Defendants JOWDY and DOES 1 to 100)

Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by this reference as though set forth in full at this point, each of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 23 above.

- As a result of the conduct described above concerning all defendants and the resulting conversion of Plaintiff's assets, a constructive trust is required to be imposed on all monies or assets which Defendants have in their possession, custody or control to ensure that monies rightfully belonging to Plaintiff's are not dissipated.
- 25. In addition, in light of the theft of funds and commingling of assets, the Court should

order that all of Defendants' property and holdings be identified to an independent receiver who can take over and manage the assets pending disposition of this litigation.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNJUST ENRICHMENT

(Against Defendants JOWDY and DOES 1 to 100)

Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by this reference as though set forth in full at this point, each of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 25 above.

26. As a result of the conduct described above and the resulting conversion of Plaintiff's assets, JOWDY should be ordered to disgorge all ill gotten gains resulting from the above conduct.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

ACCOUNTING

(Against Defendants JOWDY and DOES 1 to 100)

Plaintiffs hereby incorporates by this reference as though set forth in full at this point, each of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 26 above.---

27. The Plaintiffs are spread out throughout North America and Europe. They are requesting the Court order an immediate accounting prior to trial in this matter setting forth the expenditures authorized by JOWDY.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demands judgment against Defendants for the following:
ON THE FIRST AND SECOND CAUSES OF ACTION:

- 1. For general damages in the amount of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000);
- For punitive damages according to proof;

ON THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION:

3. For an imposition of a constructive trust and appointment of a receiver;

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For a disgorgement of all proceeds given to Defendants by Plaintiffs;

ON THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION:

5. For an accounting of all proceeds invested.

ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:

- 6. For costs of suit
- 7. Prejudgment interest;
- 8. For any such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper in light of the circumstances.

Dated: June 18, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Law Offices of Ronald Richards & Associates, A.P.C.

By: ______RONALD RICHARDS, Esq.

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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Your case may be eligible for the court's pilot Neutral Evaluation (NE) program.

- NE can reduce litigation time and costs and promote settlement.
- NE is an informal process that offers a non-binding evaluation by an experienced neutral lawyer with expertise in the subject matter of the case. After counsel present their claims and defenses, the neutral evaluates the case based on the law and the evidence.
- NE is voluntary and confidential.
- ◆ The benefits of NE include helping to clarify, narrow or eliminate issues, identify areas of agreement, offer case-planning suggestions and, if requested by the parties, assist in settlement.
- The first three (3) hours of the NE session are free of charge.

For additional NE information, visit the Court's web site at www.lasuperjorcourt.org/add

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INFORMATION PACKAGE

[CRC 3.221 Information about Alternative Dispute Resolution]

The plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Information Package on each defendant along with the complaint (Civil only).

What is ADR:

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is the term used to describe all the other options available for settling a dispute which once had to be settled in court. ADR processes, such as arbitration, mediation, neutral evaluation (NE), and settlement conferences, are less formal than a court process and provide opportunities for parties to reach an agreement using a problem-solving approach.

There are many different kinds of ADR. All of them utilize a "neutral", an impartial person, to decide the case or help the parties reach an agreement.

Mediation:

In mediation, a neutral person called a "mediator" helps the parties try to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of the dispute. The mediator does not decide the dispute but helps the parties communicate so they can try to settle the dispute themselves. Mediation leaves control of the outcome with the parties.

Cases for Which Mediation May Be Appropriate

Mediation may be particularly useful when parties have a dispute between or among family members, neighbors, or business partners. Mediation is also effective when emotions are getting in the way of resolution. An effective mediator can hear the parties out and help them communicate with each other in an effective and nondestructive manner,

Cases for Which Mediation May Not Be Appropriate

Mediation may not be effective if one of the parties is unwilling to cooperate or compromise. Mediation also may not be effective if one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

Arbitration:

In arbitration, a neutral person called an "arbitrator" hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence are often relaxed. Arbitration may be either "binding" or "nonbinding." *Binding arbitration* means that the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final, *Nonbinding* arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they do not accept the arbitrator's decision,

Cases for Which Arbitration May Be Appropriate

Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Not Be Appropriate

If parties want to retain control over how their dispute is resolved, arbitration, particularly binding arbitration, is not appropriate. In binding arbitration, the parties generally cannot appeal the arbitrator's award, even if it is not supported by the evidence or the law. Even in nonbinding arbitration, if a party requests a trial and does not receive a more favorable result at trial than in arbitration, there may be penalties.

Neutral Evaluation:

In neutral evaluation, each party gets a chance to present the case to a neutral person called an "evaluator." The evaluator then gives an opinion on the strengths and weaknesses of each party's evidence and arguments and about how the dispute could be resolved. The evaluator is often an expert in the subject matter of the dispute. Although the evaluator's opinion is not binding, the parties typically use it as a basis for trying to negotiate a resolution of the dispute.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Be Appropriate

Neutral evaluation may be most appropriate in cases in which there are technical issues that require special expertise to resolve or the only significant issue in the case is the amount of damages.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Not Be Appropriate

Neutral evaluation may not be appropriate when there are significant personal or emotional barriers to resolving the dispute.

Settlement Conferences:

Settlement conferences may be either mandatory or voluntary. In both types of settlement conferences, the parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or a neutral person called a "settlement officer" to discuss possible settlement of their dispute. The judge or settlement officer does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. Settlement conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. Mandatory settlement conferences are often held close to the date a case is set for trial.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS ACT (DRPA) CONTRACTORS

The following organizations provide mediation services under contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Community & Senior Services. Services are provided to parties in any civil case filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Services are not provided under this program to family, probate, traffic, criminal, appellate, mental health, unlawful detainer/eviction or juvenile court cases.

Aslan-Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (213) 250-8190

(Spanish & Asian languages capability)

California Academy of Mediation Professionals (818) 377-7250

Center for Conflict Resolution (818) 380-1840

Inland Valleys Justice Center (909) 397-5780 (Spanish language capability)

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney Dispute Resolution Program (213) 485-8324

(Spanish language capability)

Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services toll free number 1-877-4Resolve (737-6583) or (213) 896-6533

(Spanish language capability)

Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs (213) 974-0825

(Spanish language capability)

The Loyola Law School Center for Conflict Resolution (213) 736-1145

(Spanish language capability)

Martin Luther King Legacy Association Dispute Resolution Center (323) 290-4132

(Spanish language capability)

City of Norwalk (562) 929-5603

DRPA Contractors do not provide legal advice or assistance, including help with responding to summonses. Accessing these services does not negate any responsibility you have to respond to a summons or appear at any set court date. See the reverse side of this sheet for information on the mediation process and obtaining legal advice.

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