

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.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT	ANSWER Landlord Tenant	CASE NO.
Court address 312 S. Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201		Court telephone no. (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).

Date

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.