

In the District Court of _____ County, Alabama

v.

Plaintiff's First and Last Name

(Landlord)

Defendant's First and Last Name

(Tenant)

Instructions to Defendant: Your landlord (Plaintiff) is asking the court to evict you for the reasons in the Statement of Claim, the document served on you personally or posted on your door.

If you disagree with the eviction, follow steps 1 through 3 below:

- 1 Complete and sign this Answer.
2 Complete and sign the Certificate of Service at the bottom of this form. Make two copies of the completed form - one for you to keep and one to mail or hand deliver to your Landlord or the Landlord's lawyer at the address in the Statement of Claim.
3 Before the deadline (see box at right), mail or hand deliver the original Answer to the County Circuit Court Clerk at the address in the Statement of Claim. Note: If you mail the Answer to the Clerk, the Clerk must receive it by the deadline.

The deadline for filing your answer is seven (7) calendar days after the date you were personally served the Statement of Claim or it was posted on your door.

It is important to print carefully and accurately when completing this form. After you file your Answer, the court will mail and email, if available, a trial notice to you. At trial, you can present evidence and witness testimony to the judge. If you do not answer, you may be evicted and a money judgment may be entered against you.

To oppose the eviction and/or your landlord's claim for money, check boxes and sign below:

I am the Defendant (Tenant) in this case. I disagree with the Statement of Claim for the reasons shown below (check all which apply). I demand the Landlord provide strict proof of all allegations against me.

- a. The Landlord did not serve me with a proper termination of lease notice before filing this case.
b. I did everything the Landlord required me to do to avoid eviction before the legal deadline.
c. I took the money owed to my Landlord by the deadline, but my Landlord refused to accept it.
d. The Landlord accepted payment from me after sending me the lease termination notice.
e. The Summons and Statement of Claim were not given to me or any responsible person living with me.
f. I agree I owe my Landlord the amount listed in the Statement of Claim, but I do not agree to my Landlord having possession.
g. I deny I owe the Landlord the amount listed in the Statement of Claim.
h. I have applied for rental assistance* with: Name of Assistance Program Contact Name Contact Number

I ask the Court to deny the eviction and/or to not allow a money judgement against me.

X SIGN HERE: Date:

Your Address:

Your email address: Telephone Numbers:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify I delivered or mailed a true copy of this Answer to my Landlord or my Landlord's lawyer on ____, 20__ at the following address:

Mailing Address City State Zip

X Sign here: Date: