IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

MТ

TIFFANY

Plaintiff,

\* Case No.v.\* Judge Raymond Kane, Jr.

ZACHARY \*

Defendant. \*

### ANSWER

COMES NOW the Defendant, Zachary by and through his attorneys, Kathryn C. Buettner and DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & DeBlasis, LLP, and for Answer to the Complaint filed herein, states as follows:

### FIRST DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

### SECOND DEFENSE

The cause of action asserted by the Plaintiff did not accrue within the applicable statute of limitations.

## THIRD DEFENSE

The Defendant affirmatively asserts that the injuries allegedly sustained by the Plaintiff were caused by the sole, concurring, and/or contributory negligence of the Plaintiff.

# FOURTH DEFENSE

The Defendant affirmatively asserts that the Plaintiff assumed the risk of her injuries.

Decaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher, & Deblasis, LLP

Washington Business Fark 4001 Forbisi Boulevard Suite 200 Post Office Boi 40 Lanham, MD 20703-0040 Teleprone, (301) 336-4300 Fax: (301) 306-4988

2585 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD VIENNA, VA 22181 TELEPHONE: (703) 255-6867 PAI: (703) 289-8548

#### FIFTH DEFENSE

<u>----</u>

The Complaint fails to join a party in whose absence complete relief cannot be accorded among those already partied.

#### SIXTH DEFENSE

Assuming negligence or other wrongdoing on the part of this Defendant, which this Defendant expressly denies, it was not the proximate cause of the Plaintiff's alleged injuries, but the Plaintiff's alleged injuries were a result of superseding and/or intervening causes.

#### SEVENTH DEFENSE

Assuming negligence or other wrongdoing on the part of this Defendant, which this Defendant expressly denies, it was not the proximate cause of the Plaintiff's alleged injuries, but the Plaintiff's alleged injuries were a result of prior and/or subsequent conditions or occurrences for which this Defendant was not responsible.

### EIGHTH DEFENSE

The Defendant affirmatively asserts that the Plaintiff's claim is barred by the doctrines of accord and satisfaction, estoppel, release, and/or res judicata.

## NINTH DEFENSE

The Defendant denies any and all allegations of negligence or other wrongdoing as stated in the Complaint filed herein and will demand strict proof of all allegations in that regard.

Decaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher, & Deblasis, LLP

Washington Bosiness Park 4601 Forkes Bouldyard Suite 200 Post Office Box 40 Lanham, MD 20703-0049 Telephome: (301) 306-4300 Fax: (301) 308-4368

2565 CRAIN BRIDGE ROAD VIENNA, VA 22181 TRLEPHONE: (703) 256-9667 FAX: (703) 299-8548

WHEREFORE, the Complaint having been fully answered, the respectfully prays that the Complaint Defendant, Zachary be dismissed, with costs to be adjudged against the Plaintiff, or for such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

DeCARO, DORAN, SICILIANO, GALLAGHER & DeBLASIS, LLP

Kathryn C. Buettner 4601 Forbes Boulevard Suite 200 Post Office Box 40 Lanham, Maryland 20703-0040 (301) 306-4300 Counsel for Defendant

### JURY REQUEST

The Defendant hereby demands trial by jury on all issues raised herein.

Kathryn C. Buettner

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this  $26^{th}$  day of August, 2005, I mailed, postage prepaid, a copy of the foregoing Answer, to:

J. Matthew Bodman, Esquire Miller & Zois, LLC Empire Towers, Suite 615 7310 Ritchie Highway Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061 Counsel for Plaintiff

Kathryn e. Buettner

-3-

& DeBLASIS, LLP

Decaro, Doran, SICILIANO, GALLAGHER.

Washington Business Park 4801 PORMES BOULEVARD SUITE 200 POST OFFICE BOX 40 LANHAM, MD 20703-0040 TELEPHONE: (301) 306-4300 FAE: (301) 306-4988

2565 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD VIENNA, VA 22181 TELEPHONE: (763) 255-6667 PAT: (703) 256-8548