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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF McHENRY

PAUL DULBERG,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID GAGNON, Individually, and as
Agent of CAROLINE MCGUIRE and BILL
MCGUIRE, and CAROLINE MCGUIRE
and BILL MCGUIRE, Individually,

Defendants.

Case No. 12 LA 178

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CROSS-CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTION AGAINST
CO-DEFENDANT DAVID GAGNON

The Defendants, BILL MCGUIRE and CAROLYN MCGUIRE, by and through their attorneys, Cicero, France, Barch & Alexander, PC, and for their cross-claim for counterclaim for contribution against Defendant David Gagnon, state as follows:

1. Plaintiff PAUL DULBERG has filed a two-count complaint against Defendants David Gagnon, Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire seeking damages for injuries he attributes to a chainsaw incident that purportedly occurred on June 28, 2011 in the County of McHenry, State of Illinois.

2. The chainsaw incident set forth in Plaintiff's Complaint purportedly occurred on a residential parcel owned by Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire.

3. Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire were not present in the vicinity of the chainsaw incident when it occurred.

4. At the time of the alleged chainsaw incident, Plaintiff PAUL DULBERG was assisting Defendant David Gagnon as Defendant Gagnon was cutting and trimming trees and branches with a chainsaw.

5. At said time and place, Defendant David Gagnon owed a duty to exercise reasonable care at all times to avoid causing injury and property damages to others.

6. On the date and in the location set forth in Plaintiff's Complaint, the chainsaw being then and there operated by Defendant David Gagnon made contact with the right arm of Plaintiff PAUL DULBERG.

7. At the time and place alleged, notwithstanding his aforementioned duty, Defendant David Gagnon was then and there guilty of one or more of the following negligent acts and/or omissions:

- a. Caused or permitted a chainsaw to make contact with Plaintiff's right arm;
- b. Failed to operate said chainsaw in a safe and reasonable manner so as to avoid injuring Plaintiff's right arm;
- c. Failed to maintain a reasonable and safe distance between the chainsaw he was operating and Plaintiff's right arm;
- d. Failed to properly instruct Plaintiff prior to approaching him with an operating chainsaw;
- e. Failed to properly warn Plaintiff prior to approaching him with an operating chainsaw;
- f. Failed to maintain the chainsaw in the idle or off position when he knew or should have known that Plaintiff was close enough to sustain injury from direct contact with the subject chainsaw;
- g. Failed to maintain a proper lookout for Plaintiff while operating the subject chainsaw;
- h. Failed to maintain proper control over an operating chainsaw;
- i. Was otherwise negligent in the operation and control of the subject chainsaw.

8. That the injuries alleged by Plaintiff PAUL DULBER, if any, were the direct and proximate result of negligence on the part of Defendant David Gagnon.

9. By virtue of those aforesaid actions, Defendant David Gagnon is a joint tortfeasor within the meaning of the Illinois Contribution Among Joint Tortfeasors Act (740 ILCS 100/0.01, et seq.) which was in full force and effect on the date of the occurrence and, as such, the State of

Illinois recognizes the right of contribution among joint tortfeasors.

9. Should the Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire be found liable for the injuries to Plaintiff PAUL DULBERG, Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire are entitled to contribution from Defendant David Gagnon for that portion of the total recoveries, if any, by Plaintiff PAUL DULBERG that the Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire are required to pay in excess of their pro rata share of the liability pursuant to the aforesaid Illinois Contribution Among Joint Tortfeasors Act.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants, BILL MCGUIRE and CAROLYN MCGUIRE, demand judgment in their favor and against Defendant David Gagnon for any and all sums for which Defendants BILL MCGUIRE and CAROLYN MCGUIRE may be held liable to Plaintiff PAUL DULBERG, in excess of their pro rata share.

Defendants Hereby Demands A Trial By Jury

CAROLYN MCGUIRE and BILL MCGUIRE,
Defendants, by their attorneys,
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