

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF McHENRY

PAUL DULBERG,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 12 LA 178
	)	
vs.	)	<u>ANSWER TO COMPLAINT -</u>
	)	<u>DEFENDANT BILL McGUIRE AND</u>
DAVID GAGNON, Individually, and as	)	<u>DEFENDANT CAROLYN McGUIRE</u>
Agent of CAROLINE MCGUIRE and BILL	)	
MCGUIRE, and CAROLINE MCGUIRE	)	
and BILL MCGUIRE, Individually,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ANSWER TO COUNT I**

Defendants, BILL McGUIRE and CAROLYN McGUIRE, make no response to Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint inasmuch as said allegations are directed at a separate and distinct Defendant.

**ANSWER TO COUNT II**

Defendants, BILL McGUIRE AND CAROLYN McGUIRE (improperly named Caroline), by and through their attorneys, Cicero, France, Barch & Alexander, PC, and for their Answer to Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint, state as follows:

1. Defendants admit the allegations of paragraph one (1).
2. Defendants admit that on June 28, 2011, they owned and lived in a single family home located at 1016 W. Elder Avenue, City of McHenry, County of McHenry, Illinois. Defendants neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph two (2) as said allegations call for the admission of a conclusion of law rather than an allegation of fact.
3. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph three (3).
4. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph four (4).
5. Defendants admit that on June 28, 2011, Defendant David Gagnon was engaged in cutting, trimming and maintaining trees and brush on the premises at 1016 W. Elder

Avenue, in the City of McHenry, County of McHenry, Illinois. Defendants admit that David Gagnon was doing so at their request, with their authority and permission and for their benefit. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of paragraph five (5).

6. Defendants admit that Defendant David Gagnon used a chain saw from time to time on June 28, 2011. Defendants admit that they owned a chain saw on June 28, 2011. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of paragraph six (6).
7. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph seven (7).
8. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph eight (8).
9. The answering Defendants were not present and therefore lack sufficient information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph nine (9). Defendants therefore neither admit nor deny said allegations but demand strict proof thereof.
10. The answering Defendants were not present and therefore lack sufficient information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph ten (10). Defendants therefore neither admit nor deny said allegations but demand strict proof thereof.
11. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph eleven (11).
12. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph twelve (12).
13. The answering Defendants were not present and therefore lack sufficient information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph thirteen (13). Defendants therefore neither admit nor deny said allegations but demand strict proof thereof.
14. The answering Defendants were not present and therefore lack sufficient information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph fourteen (14). Defendants therefore neither admit nor deny said allegations but demand strict proof thereof.

15. Defendants make no response to the allegations set forth in paragraph fifteen (15) as said allegations call for the admission of a conclusion of law rather than an allegation of fact.
16. Defendants admit that at all relevant times they owned and lived in the premises that are the subject of Plaintiff's Complaint. Defendants neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph sixteen (16) as said allegations call for the admission of a conclusion of law rather than an allegation of fact.
17. Defendants make no response to the allegations set forth in paragraph fifteen (15) as said allegations call for the admission of a conclusion of law rather than an allegation of fact.
18. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph eighteen (18).
19. Defendants admit that Defendant David Gagnon used a chain saw from time to time on June 28, 2011. The answering Defendants were not present and therefore lack sufficient information upon which to form a belief as to whether Defendant David Dagnon was operating a chain saw with the assistance of Plaintiff Paul Dulberg. Defendants neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph nineteen (19) as said allegations call for the admission of a conclusion of law rather than an allegation of fact.
20. Defendants make no response to the allegations set forth in paragraph twenty (20) as said allegations call for the admission of a conclusion of law rather than an allegation of fact.
21. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph twenty-one (21).
22. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph twenty-two (22).

WHEREFORE, the Defendants, BILL McGUIRE and CAROLYN McGUIRE, pray the court dismiss Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint and enter judgment for the Defendants for their costs of suit.

**Defendants Hereby Demand A Trial By Jury**

CAROLYN MCGUIRE and BILL MCGUIRE,  
Defendants, by their attorneys,  
CICERO, FRANCE, BARCH & ALEXANDER, P.C.,



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  ) SS  
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO            )

RONALD A. BARCH, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he is one of the attorneys for the Defendants, BILL McGUIRE and CAROLYN McGUIRE, that he has read the foregoing Answer signed by him; that the allegations as to insufficient knowledge are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



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RONALD A. BARCH

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me on July 10, 2012.

Tina A. Fink  
Notary Public



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing document was  
served upon:

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