

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

**NORTHERN DIVISION**

Apriel Dorsey, individually and on behalf of  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

- against -

Arizona Beverages USA LLC,

Defendant

1370 Tyler Ave Annapolis MD 21403  
Anne Arundel County

Class Action Complaint | 1:23-cv-01729

60 Crossways Park Dr W Ste 400  
Woodbury NY 11797

Jury Trial Demanded

Plaintiff alleges upon information and belief, except for allegations pertaining to Plaintiff, which are based on personal knowledge:

1. Arizona Beverages USA LLC (“Defendant”) manufactures and sells a combination of iced tea and lemonade, known as an “Arnold Palmer,” in 20 oz bottles, represented as “Lite” under the Arizona brand (the “Product”).

**I. CONSUMERS SEEK PRODUCTS WITH LESS SUGAR AND CALORIES**

2. Due to awareness of harms from excess calorie and sugar intake, consumers are increasingly purchasing foods which contain fewer calories and sugar.

3. Consumers “clearly link sugar to calories,” and expect a food or beverage with lower sugar will have lower calories, and vice versa. N.J. Patterson et al., “Consumer understanding of sugars claims on food and drink products.” Nutrition Bulletin, 37.2 (2012): 121-130.

4. The reduction in sugar and calories can help avert numerous health problems, including weight gain, Type 2 diabetes, dental caries, metabolic syndrome and heart disease, and even cancer because of their relationship to obesity.

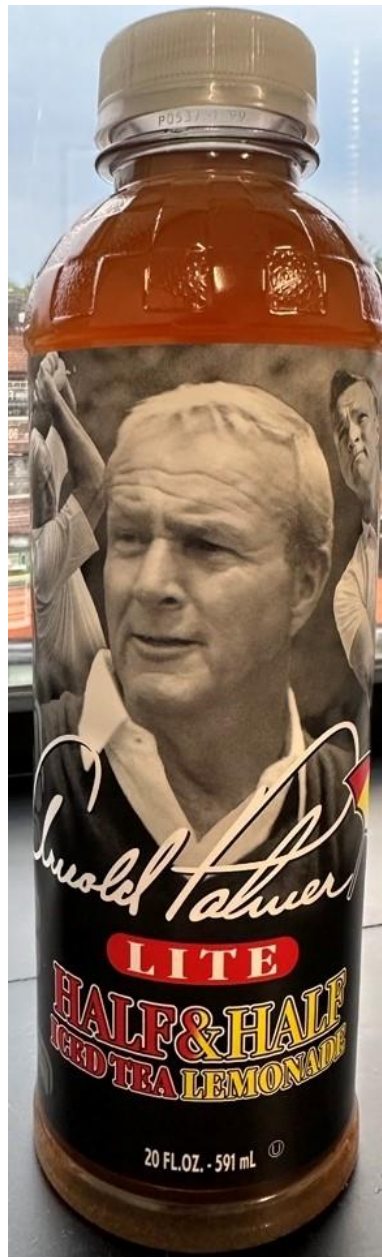
5. As “sugar avoidance [is] a macro trend ‘that is here to stay and will only increase,’”

companies have sought to promote products with less sugar and fewer calories.

6. Surveys confirm a growing number of consumers are buying products with less sugar to decrease their caloric intake, with 85% doing so for health reasons and 58% for weight concerns.

## II. MISLEADING USE OF THE TERM “LITE”

7. The Product’s front label statements include “Half & Half,” “Iced Tea Lemonade” “Arnold Palmer” and “Lite.”



8. Collins Dictionary defines “lite” as “used to describe foods or drinks that contain few calories or low amounts of sugar.”

9. Dictionary.com defines “lite” as “noting a commercial product that is low in calories or low in any substance considered undesirable, as compared with a product of the same type.”

10. Oxford Dictionary defines “lite” as relating to low-fat or low-sugar versions of manufactured food or drink products.”

11. These definitions recognize that “lite” can be used as an absolute statement, but also as a relative statement, comparing one thing to another.

12. “Lite” is defined similarly by the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) and considered a nutrient content claim.

13. This State has adopted all FDA rules and regulations related to use of the word “lite” and “nutrient content claims.”

14. Nutrient content claims are the terms and descriptors used in labeling foods and beverages.

15. These claims are subject to federal and identical state regulations to prevent consumers from being misled where claims are used in a way that is not consistent with the message they convey to consumers. 21 C.F.R. § 101.13; 21 C.F.R. §§ 101.54-101.69 (“Subpart D – Specific Requirements for Nutrient Content Claims”).

A. “Lite” is Misleading with Respect to the Product’s Sugar Content

16. “Lite” is understood by consumers to indicate a product which is low in sugar.

17. However, claims that make absolute statements about the amount of sugar a product contains are prohibited.

18. While claims for the absence of (“no...”), and relative (“fewer calories,” “less

sugar”) amounts, of calories and sugar, are authorized with restrictions, a straight “low sugar” claim, like “lite,” is not allowed. 21 C.F.R. § 101.60(c).

19. The FDA warned companies making “low sugar” claims:

The labeling for your "Fruit of the Spirit" product, located on the website [url omitted] contains the nutrient content claim “Low sugar.”

While FDA has defined some nutrient content claims for sugar in 21 CFR 101.60(c), FDA has not defined “Low sugar”; therefore, the use of this claim misbrands your product under section 403(r)(1)(A) of the Act. The claim “lower sugar” may be used....

FDA, Warning Letter to CK Management, Inc., May 19, 2015.

20. Far from being “Lite” and low in sugar, sugar is the second most predominant ingredient in the Product by weight, listed as “HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP (GLUCOSE-FRUCTOSE SYRUP),” a form of sugar associated with obesity and overweight.



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21. The Product’s Nutrition Facts reveals thirty (30) grams of added sugar, which is 60 percent of the Daily Value (“DV”).

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>		
Approx. 2 servings per container		
<b>Serving size 12 fl oz (355mL)</b>		
	Per serving	Per container
<b>Calories</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>130</b>
	% DV*	% DV*
<b>Total Fat</b>	0g 0%	0g 0%
<b>Sodium</b>	5mg 0%	10mg 0%
<b>Total Carb.</b>	20g 7%	33g 12%
Total Sugars	19g	31g
Incl. Added Sugars	18g 36%	30g 60%
<b>Protein</b>	0g	0g

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22. The Product is not only not ‘low’ in added sugars but would be considered ‘high’ in added sugars.

23. While the FDA has not defined “low” claims about sugar, it has set criteria for low and high claims for other nutrients.

24. “Low” claims are those where the amount of the nutrient is between five (5) and seven (7) percent of the daily value (“DV”) per Reference Amount Customarily Consumed (“RACC”).

25. “High” claims are those where the amount of the nutrient is at least twenty (20) percent of the DV per RACC.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 21 C.F.R. § 101.54.

26. The RACC for beverages is 360 mL (12.173 oz).

27. Based on 31g of added sugar in a serving size of 20 oz, the Product contains 19 g/sugar per RACC.

28. This means that if a comparable standard for DV of sugars was set, the Product would contain approximately 38 percent of the DV for added sugars per RACC.

29. Since the Product would contain 38 percent of the DV for sugars yet is represented as “Lite,” it poses a specific a specific risk of harm to consumers seeking to lower their sugar consumption, including those with diet-related diseases, such as Type 2 diabetes.

B. “Lite” is Misleading with Respect to the Product’s Calorie Content

30. “Lite” is also understood as a “relative claim,” to compare one food to another food. 21 C.F.R. § 101.56.

31. “Lite” tells consumers that consumption of the Product, when compared to other foods in its class, will contribute substantially to the reduction of calories in their diets. 21 C.F.R. § 101.60(b)(4).

32. Nutrient content claims for calories are intended to prevent consumers being deceived by a product implying it is low in calories when it is not. 21 C.F.R. § 101.60(b)(1).

33. Since the Product derives less than 50 percent of its calories from fat, the number of calories in the Product must be reduced by at least one-third (33 1/3 percent) per reference amount customarily consumed compared to an appropriate reference food. 21 C.F.R. § 101.56(b)(2).

34. Relative claims are required to have certain additional information, including “the identity of the reference food and the percentage (or fraction) of the amount of the nutrient in the reference food by which the nutrient in the labeled food differs,” such as “1/3 fewer calories than (reference food).” 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(j)(2)(i).

35. The reference food, defined as “representative of the type of food that includes the product that bears the claim...The nutrient value for the reference food shall be representative of a broad base of foods of that type; e.g., a value in a representative, valid data base.” 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(j)(1)(ii)(A).

36. Relevant regulations require that the “reference food” be indicated conspicuously on the packaging so the consumer will have context for a product’s claim.

37. The Product’s representation as “Lite” is misleading because it does not conspicuously identify any other food.

38. The Product’s representation as “Lite” is misleading because it is not low in calories.

39. The absence of a reference food may be because a single-serving bottle has almost as many calories as a can of soda, and more sugar.

40. In other words, a reference food likely does not exist for the Product because it contains an absolute, high number of calories per RACC.

### **III. MISLEADING DECLARATION OF SERVING SIZE**

41. The Product is sold in bottles of 20 oz.<sup>2</sup>

42. The reference amount customarily consumed (“RACC”) for non-carbonated beverages is 12 oz (360 mL).

43. The Product’s 20 oz is 167 percent of the RACC, which meets the regulatory definition for a single-serving container.

44. Therefore, the serving size is “1 bottle” and not the 12-oz indicated on the Nutrition Facts. 21 C.F.R. § 101.9(b)(6).

45. However, the Nutrition Facts provides “dual column” labeling which presents

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<sup>2</sup> Other sizes of the Product contain misleading dual columns when that is prohibited.

consumers with the number of calories “per serving” (80) and “per container” (130).

	Per serving		Per container	
<b>Calories</b>		<b>80</b>		<b>130</b>
		% DV*		% DV*
<b>Total Fat</b>	0g	0%	0g	0%
<b>Sodium</b>	5mg	0%	10mg	0%
<b>Total Carb.</b>	20g	7%	33g	12%
Total Sugars	19g		31g	
Incl. Added Sugars	18g	36%	30g	60%
<b>Protein</b>	0g		0g	

46. Research demonstrates that package and portion sizes have a considerable impact on the amount of food consumed.

47. While a consumer may hope to consume part of the bottle – 80 calories – evidence suggests otherwise, and they will consume the entire bottle.

48. Consumers will generally consume an entire beverage when it is packaged and presented in a 20 oz bottle.

49. By presenting the Nutrition Facts in the dual column format, it is inconsistent with the information required to maintain healthy dietary practices by implying that it is reasonable to consume less than the entire container, or only 80 calories.



Jurisdiction and Venue

50. Jurisdiction is proper pursuant to Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”). 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).

51. The aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, including any statutory damages, exclusive of interest and costs.

52. Plaintiff Apriel Dorsey is a citizen of Maryland.

53. Defendant Arizona Beverages USA LLC is a New York limited liability company with a principal place of business in Woodbury, Nassau County, New York and upon information and belief, at least one member of defendant is not a citizen of the same state as the plaintiff.

54. Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens of different states.

55. The members of the class Plaintiff seeks to represent are more than 100, because the Product has been sold for several years, in thousands of locations across this State from third-parties, which includes grocery stores, dollar stores, warehouse club stores, gas stations, drug stores, convenience stores, big box stores, and online.

56. Venue is in the East St. Louis Division in this District because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to these claims occurred in St. Clair County, i.e., Plaintiff’s purchase, consumption, and/or use of the Product and awareness and/or experiences of and with the issues described here.

57. Venue is in this District, with assignment to the Northern Division, because Plaintiff resides in Anne Arundel County and a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to these claims occurred in Anne Arundel County, including Plaintiff’s purchases, transactions, consumption and/or use of the Product, exposure to and reliance on the statements in question and awareness and/or experiences of and with the issues described here.

Parties

58. Plaintiff is a citizen of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

59. Defendant Arizona Beverages USA LLC is a New York limited liability company with a principal place of business in Woodbury, New York, Nassau County.

60. Arizona is a leading seller of non-carbonated beverages for over four decades.

61. Arizona is known for its commitment to quality ingredients, transparency, and putting consumers first.

62. Arizona's high reputation among consumers means they are more likely to trust its labeling and promises.

63. Arizona products are recognized worldwide for their elaborate and unique artwork, rendering them instantly identifiable by consumers.

64. The Product is available to consumers from third-parties, which includes grocery stores, dollar stores, warehouse club stores, drug stores, convenience stores, big box stores, and online.

65. Plaintiff purchased the Product on one or more occasions within the statutes of limitations for each cause of action alleged, at stores of the type people buy such beverages at, including big box stores, convenience stores, gas stations, grocery stores, drug stores, dollar stores and elsewhere between July 2020 and the present.

66. Plaintiff believed the Product was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

67. Plaintiff bought the Product because she expected it was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages because that is what the representations said and implied.

68. Plaintiff relied on the words, layout, packaging, and/or images on the Product, on the labeling, statements, omissions, and/or claims made by Defendant in digital, print and/or social media, which accompanied the Product and separately, through in-store, digital, audio, and print marketing.

69. Plaintiff was disappointed because she believed the Product was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

70. The Product is sold in various sizes, including cans, gallon size plastic bottles and other size individual consumption bottles.

71. The representations are identical or substantially similar across the various sizes, because they all say “Lite” without qualifying terms and use the misleading dual columns on the Nutrition Facts, among other identical labeling elements.

72. The value of the Product that Plaintiff purchased was materially less than its value as represented by Defendant.

73. Defendant sold more of the Product and at higher prices than it would have in the absence of this misconduct, resulting in additional profits at the expense of consumers.

74. Had Plaintiff known the truth, she would not have bought the Product or would have paid less for it.

75. Plaintiff paid more for the Product because she expected it was lower in sugar and calories, relative to itself and compared to other similar products, than she otherwise would have, had she known it was not lower in sugar and calories, relative to itself and compared to other similar products.

76. As a result of the false and misleading representations, the Product is sold at a premium price, approximately no less than no less than \$1.99 for 20 OZ, excluding tax and sales,

higher than similar products, represented in a non-misleading way, and higher than it would be sold for absent the misleading representations and omissions.

77. Plaintiff bought the Product at or exceeding the above-referenced price.

78. Plaintiff would not have purchased the Product if she knew the representations and omissions were false and misleading or would have paid less for it.

79. Plaintiff chose between Defendant's Product and products represented similarly, but which did not misrepresent their attributes, features, and/or components.

80. The Product was worth less than what Plaintiff paid and she would not have paid as much absent Defendant's false and misleading statements and omissions.

81. Plaintiff intends to, seeks to, and will purchase the Product again when she can do so with the assurance the Product's representations are consistent with its abilities, attributes, and/or composition.

82. Plaintiff is unable to rely on the labeling and representations not only of this Product, but for other similar non-carbonated beverages that are low in sugar and calories and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages, because she is unsure whether those representations are truthful.

83. If Defendant's labeling were to be truthful, Plaintiff could rely on the labeling of other similar products.

#### Class Allegations

84. Plaintiff seeks certification under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 of the following class:

**Maryland Class:** All persons in the State of Maryland who purchased the Product during the statutes of limitations for each cause of action alleged.

85. Common questions of issues, law, and fact predominate and include whether

Defendant's representations were and are misleading and if Plaintiff and class members are entitled to damages.

86. Plaintiff's claims and basis for relief are typical to other members because all were subjected to the same unfair and deceptive representations and actions.

87. Plaintiff is an adequate representative because her interests do not conflict with other members.

88. No individual inquiry is necessary since the focus is only on Defendant's practices and the class is definable and ascertainable.

89. Individual actions would risk inconsistent results, be repetitive and are impractical to justify, as the claims are modest relative to the scope of the harm.

90. Plaintiff's counsel is competent and experienced in complex class action litigation and intends to protect class members' interests adequately and fairly.

91. Plaintiff seeks class-wide injunctive relief because the practices continue.

Maryland Consumer Protection Act ("MCPA"),  
Commercial Law Art., Md. Code, § 13-101, et seq.

92. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs.

93. Plaintiff and class members desired to purchase a product that was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

94. Defendant's false and deceptive representations and omissions are material in that they are likely to influence consumer purchasing decisions.

95. Defendant misrepresented the Product through statements, omissions, ambiguities, half-truths and/or actions.

96. Plaintiff relied on the representations that the Product was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

97. Plaintiff and class members would not have purchased the Product or paid as much if the true facts had been known, suffering damages.

Breach of Contract

98. Plaintiff entered into a contract with Defendant for purchase of the Product.

99. The terms of the contract provided that the Product was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

100. Defendant breached the contract because the Product did not meet the terms Plaintiff agreed to.

101. Plaintiff was damaged by the breach, and those damages include the purchase price.

Breaches of Express Warranty,  
Implied Warranty of Merchantability/Fitness for a Particular Purpose and  
Magnuson Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2301, et seq.

102. The Product was manufactured, identified, and sold by Defendant and expressly and impliedly warranted to Plaintiff and class members that it was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

103. Defendant directly marketed the Product to Plaintiff and consumers through its advertisements and marketing, through various forms of media, on the packaging, in print circulars, direct mail, and targeted digital advertising.

104. Defendant knew the product attributes that potential customers like Plaintiff were seeking and developed its marketing and labeling to directly meet those needs and desires.

105. Defendant's representations about the Product were conveyed in writing and promised it would be defect-free, and Plaintiff understood this meant the Product was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

106. Defendant's representations affirmed and promised that the Product was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

107. Defendant described the Product as one which was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages, which became part of the basis of the bargain that the Product would conform to its affirmations and promises.

108. Defendant had a duty to disclose and/or provide non-deceptive descriptions and marketing of the Product.

109. This duty is based on Defendant's outsized role in the market for this type of Product, the largest independent seller of non-carbonated beverages in the nation, known for its transparency, established history of quality, and putting consumers first.

110. Plaintiff recently became aware of Defendant's breach of the Product's warranties.

111. Plaintiff provided or will provide notice to Defendant, its agents, representatives, retailers, and their employees.

112. Plaintiff hereby provides notice to Defendant that it has breached the express and implied warranties associated with the Product.

113. Defendant received notice and should have been aware of these issues due to complaints by third-parties, including regulators, competitors, and consumers, to its main offices, and by consumers through online forums.

114. The Product did not conform to its affirmations of fact and promises due to Defendant's actions.

115. The Product was not merchantable because it was not fit to pass in the trade as advertised, not fit for the ordinary purpose for which it was intended and did not conform to the promises or affirmations of fact made on the packaging, container or label.

116. The Product was not merchantable because Defendant had reason to know the particular purpose for which the Product was bought by Plaintiff, because she expected it was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages, and she relied on Defendant's skill and judgment to select or furnish such a suitable product.

117. Plaintiff and class members would not have purchased the Product or paid as much if the true facts had been known, suffering damages.

#### Fraud

118. Defendant misrepresented and/or omitted the attributes and qualities of the Product, that it was low in sugar and calories, and lower in sugar and calories than comparable beverages.

119. Moreover, the records Defendant is required to maintain, and/or the information inconspicuously disclosed to consumers, provided it with actual and constructive knowledge of the falsity, through statement and omission, of the representations.

120. Defendant knew of the issues described here yet did not address them.

121. Defendant's fraudulent intent is evinced by its knowledge that the Product was not consistent with its representations.

#### Unjust Enrichment

122. Defendant obtained benefits and monies because the Product was not as represented and expected, to the detriment and impoverishment of Plaintiff and class members, who seek restitution and disgorgement of inequitably obtained profits.

#### Jury Demand and Prayer for Relief

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for judgment:

1. Declaring this a proper class action, certifying Plaintiff as representative and the undersigned as counsel for the class;



2. Entering preliminary and permanent injunctive relief by directing Defendant to correct the challenged practices to comply with the law;
3. Awarding monetary damages, statutory and/or punitive damages pursuant to any statutory claims and interest pursuant to the common law and other statutory claims;
4. Awarding costs and expenses, including reasonable fees for Plaintiff's attorneys and experts; and
5. Other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: June 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Sheehan & Associates, P.C.

/s/Spencer Sheehan

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Apriel Dorsey, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Anne Arundel (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

Arizona Beverages USA LLC

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Table with columns for Plaintiff (PTF) and Defendant (DEF) citizenship options: Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State, Foreign Nation.

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from Another District (specify), 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer, 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 U.S.C. § 1332. Brief description of cause: false advertising

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 5,000,000. CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

June 27, 2023

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/s/Spencer Sheehan

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) Arizona Beverages USA LLC
c/o Martin Cunningham
60 Crossways Park Dr W Ste 400
Woodbury NY 11797-2018

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you
are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ.
P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney,
whose name and address are: Sheehan & Associates, P.C., 60 Cuttermill Rd Ste 412 Great Neck NY 11021-
3104 (516) 268-7080

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-01729

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_.

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

Other *(specify)*:

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's address*

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