

## Instructions for Answer Form (Form UD 105)

Complete the top section of the Answer form as follows:

1. First box, left side: Print your name, address, telephone number, and email address. Then write the County where your case is filed and write the court address. This information can be found on the Summons and Complaint of the lawsuit.
2. Second box, left side: Print the Plaintiff's (Landlord's) name, exactly as it appears on the Complaint. Print the Defendant's (tenant's) name(s), exactly as it appears on the Complaint. If there is more than one person, include every name.
3. Second box, right side: Write in the Case number. This can be found on the Summons and Complaint of the lawsuit.

Item 1: Defendant

Write in your name

Item 2: Check only ONE of the two boxes

Check Box A if the amount requested by the landlord on Page 2 of the Complaint form is less than \$1,000. Otherwise, check Box B.

If you checked Box B, then on the **first** line write the paragraph numbers from the landlord's complaint that you think are false or incorrect and on the **second** line write the paragraph numbers from the landlord's complaint which you do not have enough information to know if the statements are true or false.

Item 3: Affirmative Defenses

Carefully read through the statements in Boxes (a) through (j) and check the defenses you think apply to you.

If you are going to include "Attachment 3L" to your Answer, mark Boxes (k) and (l).

If you are NOT going to include "Attachment 3L" to your answer, write in any facts to support your reasons for checking any of the affirmative defenses in Boxes 3(a) through 3(j). Write the facts under Item 3(l).

#### Item 4: Other Statements

Check Box 4(a) if you are no longer living at the house or apartment and put the date when you moved out.

Check Box 4(b) if you think that your rent is too high because of problems with the home or apartment or because it is overvalued for other reasons and provide an explanation. For example, you can write, "The fair rental value of the premises is too high because there are problems in my home that need repair that the landlord hasn't repaired."

#### Item 5: Defendant Requests

Carefully read through these statements in Boxes 5(a) through 5(e) and check the box(es) that apply. Box 5(e) is where you can make additional requests to the court, such as a request for jury trial.

#### Item 6: Number of pages attached.

If you have extra pages attached, such as the "Attachment 3L" mark Box 6 and write in the number of pages attached.

#### Item 7: Unlawful Detainer assistant.

Mark the box before "did not" if you did NOT pay an unlawful detainer money to give you advice or help you fill out this form.

Print your name and sign your name near the bottom under the sentence, "Each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named in item 1 and must sign this answer unless his or her attorney signs."

At the very bottom, under "Verification," put the date, print your name, and sign your name.