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# LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION-LAW NO. 2117 of 2014 GD

NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

U.S. Bank, National Association, Plaintiff.

VS.

Robert V. Aranza, Jr., in his Capacity as Known Heir of Robert V. Aranza, Sr., Deceased and Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest From or Under Robert V. Aranza, Sr., Deceased, Defendant(s).

TO: The Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest From or Under Robert V. Aranza, Sr., Deceased, Defendant(s), whose last known address is 63 Murray Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401.

# COMPLAINT IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

You are hereby notified that Plaintiff, U.S. Bank, National Association, has filed a Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint endorsed with a Notice to Defend, against you in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, docketed to 2117 of 2014 GD, wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose on the mortgage secured on your property located, 63 Murray Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401, whereupon your property would be sold by the Sheriff of Fayette County.

#### NOTICE

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the notice above, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed

without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN FORTH PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER, IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT VOII AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. LAWYERS REFERRAL SERVICE, PA Lawyer Referral Service, PA Bar Assn., 100 South St., P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, PA 17108. 800.692.7375. Jill Manuel-Coughlin, Jolanta Pekalska, Harry B. Reese, Daniel C. Fanaselle & Matthew J. McDonnell, Attys. for Plaintiff, POWERS KERN & ASSOC., LLC, 8 Neshaminy Interplex. Ste. 215. Trevose. PA 19053. 215 942 2090

# NOTICE OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Certificate of Organization, Domestic Limited Liability Company has been approved and filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on June 10, 2015, for a Limited Liability Company known as Wild About Dance Competitions, LLC.

Said Limited Liability Company has been organized under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The purpose or purposes of the Limited Liability Company is dance competitions, conventions, merchandising, workshops and any other lawful purpose related thereto for which Limited Liability Companies may be organized under the Business Corporation Law.

Melinda K. Dellarose, Esquire DAVIS & DAVIS 107 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401

# **JUDICIAL OPINION**

### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

#### CIVIL DIVISION

TRUCK INSURANCE EXCHANGE, as subrogee of Stephen and Stephanie Patterson,

Plaintiff,

VS.

JAMES D. CAMPBELL, SR., Defendant.

VERNON, J.

July 1, 2015

Before the Court are Preliminary Objections filed by Plaintiff, Truck Insurance Exchange, as subrogee of Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson, and by Additional Defendants, Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson, to the Complaint, filed by Defendant, James D. Campbell, Sr., to Join Additional Defendants, Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson.

The instant matter arises out of a fire at the home of Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson, a home which they purchased from James D. Campbell, Jr., and at which it is alleged that Defendant, James D. Campbell, Sr. previously performed electrical work that, according to Plaintiffs, caused the fire. See, Complaint.

The within preliminary objections arise out of Defendant, James D. Campbell, Sr., filing a Complaint to Join Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson as additional defendants on the basis that they are solely responsible for the fire and resulting losses, or alternatively are liable with him for contribution and/or indemnification.

Rule 2252 of the Pennsylvania Rules

of Civil Procedure, "Right to Join Additional Defendants," provides that "any party may join as an additional defendant any person not a party to the action who may be (1) solely liable on the underlying cause of action against the joining party, or (4) liable to or with the joining party on any cause of action arising out of the transaction or occurrence or series of transactions or occurrences upon which the underlying cause of action against the joining party is based." The question then becomes whether Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson as subrogors of Truck Insurance Exchange are already "parties to the action" or whether they need to be joined as additional defendants to assert claims against them individually.

Subrogation is an equitable doctrine involving the right of legal substitution. Kaiser v. Old Republic Ins. Co., 741 A.2d 748, 754 (Pa.Super.1999). Subrogation is "intended to place the ultimate burden of a debt upon the party primarily responsible for the loss." Jones v. Nationwide Prop. and Cas. Ins. Co., 32 A.3d 1261, 1270 (Pa. 2011). It allows the subrogee (the insurer) to step into the shoes of the subrogor (the insured) to recover from the party that is primarily liable (the third party tortfeasor) any amounts previously paid by the subrogee to the subrogor. Id. The rights to which the subrogee succeeds are the same as those of the person for whom he is substituted. Pa. Mfrs.' Ass'n Ins. Co. v. Wolfe, 626 A.2d 522, 525 (Pa. 1993).

Subrogation is the "substitution of one [entity] in the place of another with reference to a lawful claim, demand, or right, so that he who is substituted succeeds to the rights of the other in relation to the debt or claim, and its rights, remedies or securities." Molitoris v. Woods, 618 A.2d 985, 989 (Pa.Super. 1992) (quoting Black's Law Dictionary).

Through subrogation the insurer is granted the right "to stand in the shoes of the claimant and assert the claimant's rights

against the tortfeasor." Kiker v. Pennsylvania Fin. Responsibility Assigned Claims Plan, 742 A.2d 1082, 1086 (Pa.Super. 1999). The insurer, as subrogee, can only recover damages when his subrogor has a legally cognizable cause of action against a third party, making the right to subrogation contingent on the subrogor having a cause of action against a third party. Id. A subrogee has no greater rights than those held by the subrogor. Chow ex rel. Chow v. Rosen, 812 A.2d 587, 590 (Pa. 2002).

The equitable doctrine of subrogation, thus, places the subrogee in the precise position of the one to whose rights and disabilities he is subrogated. Allstate Ins. Co. v. Clarke, 527 A.2d 1021, 1024 (Pa.Super. 1987).

This Court concurs that no appellate decision in Pennsylvania could be found on this issue, however, the Court finds persuasive the rationale of Allstate Indemnity Co. v. Martin, 2011 WL 2790265 (E.D.Pa. 2011), as cited by Plaintiff and will adopt the following holding:

[A]s a matter of law, an individual [...] cannot be liable in tort to himself. Gov't Employees Ins. Co. v. Buford, 338 Ill.App.3d 448, 272 Ill.Dec. 786, 788 N.E.2d 90, 98 (Ill.App.2003). As such, a subrogor "cannot be liable in contribution to the defendant for damage to his own property." Id at 98. "Whatever contributory negligence that [subrogor] may have been guilty of that proximately caused damage to his [property] might well have been the basis for the defendant asserting an affirmative defense against plaintiff's claim, but it could never form the basis of an action for contribution against [subrogor]." Id.

Accordingly, we find that Truck Insurance Exchange stands in the precise position of Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson and that Defendant James D. Campbell, Sr. does not have the ability to bring a third-party claim against them because the Pattersons cannot be liable in tort to themselves. Rather, as explained in Allstate Indemnity Co. v. Martin, Defendant's assertions should properly be filed as affirmative defenses or as a counterclaim against the Pattersons, and Defendant will be provided thirty days upon which he may file an amended pleading if he so elects.

WHEREFORE, we will enter the following Order.

#### ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of July, 2015, upon consideration of the Preliminary Objections filed by Plaintiff, Truck Insurance Exchange, as subrogee of Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson, and by Additional Defendants, Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson, to the Complaint, filed by Defendant, James D. Campbell, Sr., to Join Additional Defendants. Stephen Patterson and Stephanie Patterson, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the same are GRANTED

It is further ORDERED and DECREED that the Record shall be opened for thirty (30) days to allow Defendant to file an amended pleading in conformance with the foregoing Opinion.

BY THE COURT: NANCY D. VERNON, JUDGE

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