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February 12, 2019

#### Via New Jersey Lawyers Service

Clerk, Chancery Division Morris County Superior Court General Equity Court Street Morristown, NJ 07960

Re: Paul Kardos -vs- Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc.

Docket No.: MRS-C-000102-18 Our File No.: 20016-02739 GJK

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed an original and one (1) copy of an First Amended Answer to Complaint with Counterclaim and Case Information Statement on behalf of the Defendant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc., with regard to the within matter.

Please file same and return a filed copy to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for your convenience. Please charge the fee to our Account No. 140458.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Paul Kardos, Pro se' – VIA Certified Mail, RRR and regular first class mail

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PAUL KARDOS

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION MORRIS COUNTY

**GENERAL EQUITY** 

DOCKET NO.: MRS-C-000102-18

Plaintiff,

Civil Action

-vs-

FOX HILLS AT ROCKAWAY

**CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.:** 

Defendant.

FIRST AMENDED ANSWER TO

COMPLAINT, COUNTERCLAIM, SEPARATE DEFENSES, JURY

**DEMAND AND CERTIFICATIONS** 

The Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc., by way of Amended Answer to the Plaintiff's Complaint, says the following:

#### FIRST COUNT

- 1. Insofar as the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 of this Count of the Complaint do not pertain to this Defendant, this Defendant makes no answers thereto. Insofar as the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 of this Count of this Complaint pertain to this Defendant, same are denied.
- Paragraph 2 asserts a contention of law and, as such, Defendant makes no response 2. thereto. To the extent that Plaintiff(s) is asserting allegations of fact, same are denied.
- 3. Defendant admits that the Plaintiff submitted a flyer only.

- 4. Defendant admits that the Plaintiff's flyer was not acceptable to be posted, but denies that the only reasons for denying Plaintiff's request was based solely upon the quoted language contained in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 5. Defendant denies the allegation contained in Paragraph 5 of this Count of the Complaint.
- 6. Paragraph 6 asserts a contention of law and, as such, Defendant makes no response thereto. To the extent that Plaintiff(s) is asserting allegations of fact, same are denied.
- 7. Paragraph 7 asserts a contention of law and, as such, Defendant makes no response thereto. To the extent that Plaintiff(s) is asserting allegations of fact, same are denied.
- 8. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 9. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 10. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 11. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 12. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 13. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 14. Defendant repeats and reiterates its answers to all of the previous allegations of the Complaint with full force and effect as though more fully set forth herein at length.

#### **COUNT TWO**

- 15. Paragraph 15 asserts a contention of law and, as such, Defendant makes no response thereto. To the extent that Plaintiff(s) is asserting allegations of fact, same are denied and the Condominium Act speaks for itself.
- 16. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of this Count of the Complaint.
- 17. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of this Count of the Complaint.
- 18. Defendant denies the allegation contained in Paragraph 18 of this Count of the Complaint.
- 19. Defendant denies the allegation contained in Paragraph 19 of this Count of the Complaint.
- 20. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 21. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 21 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.
- 22. Defendant denies that the Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint and demands a dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs of suit.

#### FIRST SEPARATE DEFENSE

This Court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and this party reserves the right to move for dismissal of the pleading.

## SECOND SEPARATE DEFENSE

The affirmative pleading herein fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and this party reserves the right to move at or before the time of trial to dismiss same.

## THIRD SEPARATE DEFENSE

The claimant has failed to issue process within the time required by law and this party is entitled to a dismissal of this action.

## FOURTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The affirmative pleading fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, this court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and the claimant is barred from recovery as a matter of law because the alleged claim was not made and perfected in the manner and within the time provided and required by the law, statute, regulation or contract upon which it is predicated.

## FIFTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The applicable law, rule, statute or regulation, including but not limited to, the Statute of Limitations, controlling or requiring the institution of suit within a certain period of time following its accrual, was not complied with by the Plaintiff(s) and, accordingly, the Plaintiff(s)' claim is barred as a matter of law.

## SIXTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The Defendant asserts that any and all actions were made in accordance with accepted professional standards.

## SEVENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The Defendants assert that there was no deviation from accepted professional standards.

# EIGHTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The Defendant did not breach any contractual obligation or warranties, express, implied or arising by operation of law.

#### **NINTH SEPARATE DEFENSE**

At all times relevant to the within litigation, the Defendant complied with the applicable laws, regulations and standards.

#### TENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The claim is barred by the entire controversy doctrine and the mandatory counterclaim rule.

#### ELEVENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

There has been an accord and satisfaction whereby this party is discharged from any liability.

#### TWELFTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The claimant is guilty of laches.

#### THIRTEENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff executed a valid binding release by which Plaintiff has released this party of liability and waived the basis on which Plaintiff sues; and, as such, Plaintiff's Complaint violates the conditions of the prior settlement agreement and release he entered into between himself and Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc. signed by Plaintiff on April 18, 2018 and modified on July 3, 2018, for the Morris County Chancery Court matter bearing Docket No.: C-130-17 and should therefore be dismissed in its entirety.

#### FOURTEENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The Plaintiff's claims are barred as a matter of law because of the Doctrine of Estoppel.

## FIFTEENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

The Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer and to assert additional defenses.

#### COUNTERCLAIM

The Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc., by way of Counterclaim against the Plaintiff, Paul Kardos, says:

- 1. Plaintiff, Paul Kardos, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release with Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc.
- 2. In consideration for entering into this Settlement and Release Agreement, the Plaintiff and Defendant/Counterclaimant "unconditionally and irrevocably, remise, release, forever discharge and covenant not to sue one another... from any and all claims, counterclaims, actions, causes of actions, suits, set offs, costs, losses, expenses, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, debts, charges, complaints, controversies, disputes, damages, judgments, executions, promises, omissions, duties, agreements, rights, and any and all demands, obligations and liabilities of whatever kind or character, direct or indirect, whether known or unknown or capable of being known up until the Effective Date arising at law or in equity by right of action or otherwise, including but not limited to, facts that arose from or are related to the facts and circumstances giving rise to/or being part of the Litigation, the Complaint and/or the Counterclaim."
- 3. The Settlement and Release Agreement reached between the parties provides that the Agreement shall be construed as a whole according to its fair meaning and as if the parties jointly prepared it. Furthermore, it states that any uncertainty or ambiguity in the Agreement shall not be strictly interpreted or construed against any Party.
- 4. By filing the within lawsuit, the plaintiff, Paul Kardos, has breached the Settlement and Release Agreement, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the Settlement and Release Agreement set forth in this Counterclaim.

5. By preparing the flyer that is attached to plaintiff's Complaint as Exhibit B, and by distributing that flyer and making it public record as an attachment to the Complaint, the plaintiff has breached the Settlement and Release Agreement, including, but not limited to, the

terms and conditions of the Settlement and Release Agreement as set forth in this Counterclaim.

6. As a result of the plaintiff's, Paul Kardos' breach of the Settlement and Release

Agreement, the Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association,

Inc., has been damaged and otherwise harmed.

WHEREFORE, Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc., demands judgment against plaintiff, Paul Kardos, for damages, attorney's fees, costs of suit and such other relief as this Court deems appropriate and equitable.

**DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL** 

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Rule 4:25-4, GEORGE KAROUSATOS, ESQ., is hereby designated as Trial Counsel in the within matter.

DEMAND FOR STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Rule 4:5-2, the parties filing this Answer require that you, within five (5) days, furnish it with a Statement of Damages claimed.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendant/counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway

Condominium Association, Inc., hereby demands a trial of the issues by a jury of six.

BIANCAMANO & DI STEFANO, P.C.

Attorneys for Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc.

Bw.

Dated: February 11, 2019

GEORGE KAROUSATOS, ESO.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that a copy of the within document has been filed with the Clerk of the above-captioned Court and that a copy of same was served upon all interested attorneys within the time allowed by the Rules of Court, as extended.

#### BIANCAMANO & DI STEFANO, P.C.

Attorneys for Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc.

Dated: February 11, 2019

/ GEORGE KAROUSATOS, ESC

#### **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 4:5-1**

- 1. The matter in controversy is the subject of a pending action or Arbitration as follows:

  UNKNOWN
- 2. Contemplation of another action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated as follows: UNKNOWN
  - 3. The following parties listed should be joined in this action: UNKNOWN

I CERTIFY THAT the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

BIANCAMANO & DI STEFANO, P.C.

Attorneys for Defendant/Counterclaimant, Fox Hills at Rockaway Condominium Association, Inc.

Dated: February 11, 2019

GEORGE KAROUSATOS ESO

#### **Appendix XII-B1**



# CIVIL CASE INFORMATION STATEMENT (CIS)

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