

IN THE GRAND COURT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



CAUSE NO: OF 2023

MARTY CHRISTIAN

PLAINTIFF

AND:

PORT AUTHORITY OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

DEFENDANT

WRIT OF SUMMONS

TO: The Port Authority of the Cayman Islands

THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS has been issued against you by the above-named Plaintiff in respect of the claim set out on the next page.

Within 14 days after the service of this Writ on you, counting the day of service, you must either satisfy the claim or return to the Court Office, P.O. Box 495G, George Town, Grand Cayman, the accompanying Acknowledgment of Service stating therein whether you intend to contest these proceedings.

If you fail to satisfy the claim or to return the Acknowledgment within the time stated, or if you return the Acknowledgment without stating therein an intention to contest the proceedings, the Plaintiff may proceed with the action and judgment may be entered against you forthwith without further notice.

Issued this 28th day of June 2023.

NOTE - This Writ may not be served later than 4 calendar months (or, if leave is required to effect service out of the jurisdiction, 6 months) beginning with the date of issue unless renewed by order of the Court.

IMPORTANT

Directions for Acknowledgment of Service are given with the accompanying form.

1. The Plaintiff is a resident of the Cayman Islands residing at Songbird Drive, Cayman Brac and was at all relevant times employed by McLee's Trucking Services Ltd as a Stevedore. He was assigned to work at the Port Dock situated on Cayman Brac.
2. The Defendant is the Port Authority of the Cayman Islands, a body corporate with responsibility for the general management and control of all ports of the Cayman Islands.
3. On July 1st, 2020 at approximately 11:20am the Plaintiff was working at the port dock loading containers onto a barge. The Plaintiff and a colleague were standing on top of two stacked shipping containers that were being prepared to be loaded onto the barge.
4. They had hooked up two of the four hooks that are used by a crane to lift the containers and were about to hook up the other two. Before they could do so, the crane operator started to lift the containers. With only one side hooked up, the containers tilted to the side causing the Plaintiff to lose his balance.
5. The Plaintiff attempted to grab onto the cable/hook but was unable to hold on and fell to the cement dock approximately 16 feet below. His colleague also fell to the ground.
6. The operator of the crane was Chase Bodden, an employee of the Defendant.
7. The Plaintiff's injuries were caused by the negligence of the Defendant, their employees or agents acting in the course of their employment.
8. Particulars of Negligence
 - (a) failing to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the Plaintiff;
 - (b) failing to take any or any reasonable care to ensure the Plaintiff would be reasonably safe in using the work premises;
 - (c) failing to operate safe systems of work;
 - (d) failing to provide any or any adequate training to their employees;
 - (e) failing to ensure that all machinery used was operated in a safe manner;
 - (f) failing to ensure that employees were suitably qualified.
9. The Defendant is vicariously liable for the acts/omissions of its employees.
10. By reason of the aforesaid, the plaintiff who is 44 years old with a date of birth of 22 July 1978 has suffered personal injury, loss and damage.

Particulars of General Damage

11. The Plaintiff was taken by ambulance to the Accident and Emergency Department at Faith Hospital.

12. He was suffering from pain to his left ankle, foot and lumbar spine.
13. He underwent x-rays of the left foot, ankle and cervical spine and was assessed as having suffered a comminuted calcaneus fracture of his left foot.
14. He was provided with a fracture boot, crutches and medication and advised to elevate the limb and apply a cold compress.
15. He was discharged with a sick note for one month and advised to return to undergo a CT scan.
16. He travelled to Grand Cayman on the 9 July 2020 to undergo a CT scan and be assessed by an orthopedic surgeon. The CT scan revealed a Saunders IV calcaneus fracture with bony fragments and a distal tibia fracture. A decision was made not to operate due to the high complication risk.
17. He was advised to keep the leg elevated and to obtain a long below-knee fracture boot.
18. He remained under the care of the orthopedic department and was referred for physiotherapy to assist with his back pain and mobilization of the ankle, foot, and knee.
19. He continues to suffer pain in his ankle and has been advised he now has arthritis.

Particulars of Loss and Damage

20. The plaintiff's particulars of special damage will be forwarded in due course by way of a Schedule of Loss including but not limited to claims for loss of earnings, cost of medical treatment and gratuitous care.

Statement as to interest

21. The Plaintiff will claim interest pursuant to section 34 of the Judicature Law (2021 Revision).

AND THE PLAINTIFF claims:

1. General and Special Damages
2. Interest in accordance with the Judicature Law (2021 Revision)
3. Costs



KSG
Attorneys for the Plaintiff

**DIRECTIONS FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE
OF WRIT OF SUMMONS**

1. The accompanying form of Acknowledgment of Service should be completed by an Attorney acting on behalf of the Defendant or by the Defendant if acting in person.

After completion it must be delivered or sent by post to the Law Courts, P.O. Box 495G, George Town, Grand Cayman.

2. A Defendant who states in his Acknowledgment of Service that he intends to contest the proceedings must also serve a defence on the Attorney for the Plaintiff (or on the Plaintiff if acting in person).

If a Statement of Claim is indorsed on the Writ (i.e., the words "Statement of Claim" appear on the top of page 2), the Defence must be served within 14 days after the time for acknowledging service of the Writ, unless in the meantime a summons for judgment is served on the Defendant.

If the Statement of Claim is not indorsed on the Writ, the Defence need not be served until 14 days after a Statement of Claim has been served on the Defendant.

If the Defendant fails to serve his defence within the appropriate time, the Plaintiff may enter judgment against him without further notice.

3. A Stay of Execution against the Defendant's goods may be applied for where the Defendant is unable to pay the money for which any judgment is entered. If a Defendant to an action for a debt or liquidated demand (i.e. a fixed sum) who does not intend to contest the proceedings states, in answer to Question 3 in the Acknowledgment of Service, that he intends to apply for a stay, execution will be stayed for 14 days after his Acknowledgment, but he must, within that time, issue a Summons for a stay of execution, supported by an affidavit of his means. The affidavit should state any offer which the Defendant desires to make for payment of the money by instalments or otherwise.

See over for notes for guidance.

Please complete overleaf.

Notes for Guidance

1. Each Defendant (if there are more than one) is required to complete an Acknowledgment of Service and return it to the Courts Office.
2. For the purpose of calculating the period of 14 days for acknowledging service, a writ served on the Defendant personally is treated as having been served on the day it was delivered to him.
3. Where the Defendant is sued in a name different from his own, the form must be completed by him with the addition in paragraph 1 of the words "sued as (the name stated on the Writ of Summons)".
4. Where the Defendant is a FIRM and an attorney is not instructed, the form must be completed by a PARTNER by name, with the addition in paragraph 1 of the description "Partner in the firm of (.....)" after his name.
5. Where the Defendant is sued as an individual TRADING IN A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN, the form must be completed by him with the addition in paragraph 1 of the description "trading as (.....)" after his name.
6. Where the Defendant is a LIMITED COMPANY the form must be completed by an Attorney or by someone authorized to act on behalf of the Company, but the Company can take no further step in the proceedings without an Attorney acting on its behalf.
7. Where the Defendant is a MINOR or a MENTAL PATIENT, the form must be completed by an Attorney acting for guardian ad litem.
8. A Defendant acting in person may obtain help in completing the form at the Courts Office.

Notes on address for service

Attorney: where the Defendant is represented by an attorney, state the attorney's place of business in the Cayman Islands. A Defendant may not act by a foreign attorney.

Defendant in person: where the Defendant is acting in person, he must give his post office box number and the physical address of his residence or, if he does not reside in the Cayman Islands, he must give an address in Grand Cayman where communications for him should be sent. In the case of a limited company, "residence" means its registered or principal office.

Indorsement by plaintiff's Attorney (or by plaintiff if suing in person) of his name, address and reference, if any, in the box below.

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Indorsement by defendant's Attorney (or by defendant if suing in person) of his name, address and reference, if any, in the box below.

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