

IN THE GRAND COURT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

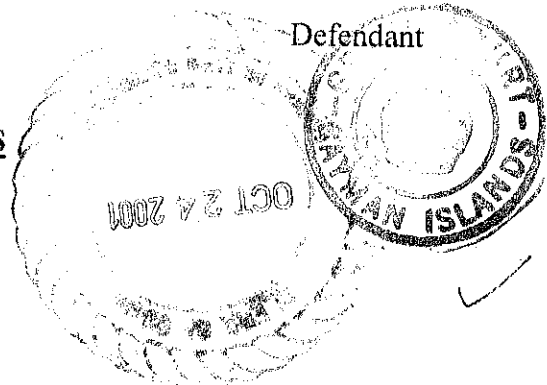
CAUSE NO *661* OF 2001

BETWEEN: CORINE VERONICA SOLOMON Plaintiff

AND: GEORGE SAMUELS Defendant

**WRIT OF SUMMONS**

To: George Samuels  
Shamrock Road  
Savannah, Grand Cayman



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

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, PO Box 495, George Town, Grand Cayman, the accompanying acknowledgement 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 acknowledgement 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 *15\** day of *OCTOBER*, 2001

NOTE – This writ may not be served later than 4 calendar months beginning with the date of issue unless renewed by order of the Court.

**IMPORTANT**

Directions for acknowledgement of service are given with the accompanying form.

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

1. The plaintiff is a Caymanian who resides at 43 Ryan Road, in George Town, Grand Cayman. The defendant resides on Shamrock Road, in Savannah, Grand Cayman.
2. On or about 25th April, 1999, at approximately 9:45 a.m., the plaintiff was driving a motor vehicle in the east bound lane of Shamrock Road in the vicinity of the east entrance to the Hurley's Supermarket car park.
3. On the same date and at the same time, the defendant was driving a motor vehicle in the center west bound lane of the said Shamrock Road, in the same vicinity, in the direction of George Town.
4. There were other vehicles in front of the defendant's automobile, heading in the same direction as he was, all of which had stopped and were stationary.
5. The defendant failed to notice that the traffic in front of him had come to a halt. When he realised that the vehicles in front of him were stationary, it was too late for the defendant to stop safely and he veered to the right into the east bound lane of Shamrock Road immediately in the path of the plaintiff's vehicle. The

defendant's automobile almost immediately collided with the vehicle driven by the plaintiff.

6. The defendant's negligence was the sole cause of the collision described above ("the collision").

#### PARTICULARS OF NEGLIGENCE

- (a) The defendant failed to discharge his duty of care towards other vehicles travelling on the same public road as he was and, in particular, his duty of care to the plaintiff.
- (b) The defendant was driving in the right hand lane at the time of the collision.
- (c) The defendant failed in his duty to keep to the left half of the road on which he was travelling.
- (d) The defendant failed to discharge his duty to drive in such a manner as to have full control of his vehicle at all times.

- (e) The defendant failed in his duty to drive in such a manner and at such a distance from other vehicles as to be able to stop without being involved in a collision.
- (f) The defendant failed in his duty so to manage his vehicle as to be able to stop within the limit of vision available to him at the relevant time.
- (g) The defendant failed in his duty to keep a watch on the road in front of the vehicle which he was driving.
- (h) The defendant failed in his duty to pay attention, or sufficient attention, to the traffic in front of his vehicle.
- (i) The defendant failed in his duty to stop and to give prior warning of his decision to enter the right lane of the road on which he was travelling prior to doing so.
- (j) The defendant failed in his duty to observe, and watch for, traffic coming in an easterly direction, i.e. towards him.

7. The defendant was charged with the offence of careless driving as a result of the collision. He pleaded guilty thereto before the Summary Court on 25th October, 1999 and was fined CI\$150.00. His driver's license was ordered endorsed.
  
8. The plaintiff sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision.

#### PARICULARS OF INJURIES

The plaintiff suffered, at the time of the collision, from low back pain. She was also an insulin-dependant diabetic.

Immediately prior to the collision, the plaintiff would spend some six hours a day working with a computer, which she used to operate her business and to write poetry and short stories. She also did housework for herself and her husband.

The airbags in the vehicle which the plaintiff was driving deployed as a result of the collision and the said vehicle was immediately filled with smoke.

The plaintiff suffered injuries to her face, arms, neck, back and left knee as a result of the collision. She was taken to the George Town Hospital and given an

injection to ease her pain. Her back was x-rayed. She was prescribed an analgesic and released.

At present, the plaintiff suffers from central low back pain, pain in her left knee, ache in her neck, pain in her shoulders, intermittent headaches, a burning sensation in her suprabubic region, with difficulty with her balance and with non-restorative sleep. (She routinely gets no more than two hours of continuous sleep per night.) She is also out of condition because of her pain and aches.

Moreover, the plaintiff is depressed and she feels miserable and anguished.

The plaintiff must rely heavily on a full-time helper. She has difficulty doing housework. She can no longer spend time writing poetry and short stories and attend to the duties of her business with the assistance of her computer.

The plaintiff has been unable to be properly treated for her injuries owing to lack of funds. She had some fifteen sessions with a chiropractor, which did not help. She also consulted physicians.

The plaintiff has not been properly diagnosed, the first step on the way to recovery or partial recovery. Her physicians have recommended that she first

undergo a battery of tests and examinations, which she cannot afford. She has little hope for any improvement in her lifestyle and, indeed, in her life itself.

9. The plaintiff was, prior to the collision, gainfully engaged in a small business where she would purchase items overseas and sell them in the Cayman Islands. Her income, immediately prior to the collision, averaged CI\$ 1,750.00 per month. She can no longer operate that business as a result of her injuries.
10. The plaintiff needed a full-time helper for approximately fifteen (15) months after sustaining her injuries in the collision and as a direct result thereof, at a costs of CI\$500.00 per month, whereas she only used such services once a week, at a costs of CI\$150.00 per month, prior thereto.
11. The plaintiff has incurred medical expenses as a result of the said injuries.

PARTICULARS OF SPECIAL DAMAGES

(a) Medical expenses	CI\$ 3,147.00
(b) Full-time helper	CI\$ 5,250.00

(c)	Loss of Income	CIS\$ 51,625.00
(d)	Police report	CIS\$ 75.00

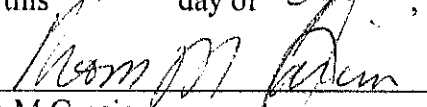
12. The plaintiff also claims from the defendant damages for pain, suffering and loss of amenities resulting from the injuries which she sustained in the collision as well as psychological damages.
13. The plaintiff also claims from the defendant future medical expenses and future loss of income.
14. Contrary to what the defendant asserted in the Summary Court on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1999, the plaintiff has not been compensated at all for the injuries which she sustained.

AND THE PLAINTIFF CLAIMS FROM THE DEFENDANT

- (a) DAMAGES
- (b) PRE-JUDGMENT INTEREST according to statute and /or the law.

- (c) POST-JUDGMENT INTEREST according to statute.
- (d) FURTHER and/or other relief.
- (e) COSTS.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2001

  
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Morris M Garcia  
Attorney-at-law for the plaintiff

To: The Clerk of the Court

And to: George Samuels  
Shamrock Road  
Savannah  
Grand Cayman  
Defendant

STATEMENT RESPECTING INTEREST

- (i) The prescribed rate of interest was 7% per annum up to 31st March, 2000 and 8% per annum from 1st April, 2000 to date.
- (ii) The date from which the plaintiff wishes the interest to be calculated is, in the case of the special damages, the dates on which they were paid and, in the case of the general damages, the dates on which they were sustained.
- (iii) The plaintiff is unable to state the total amount of interest claimed as her claim is not liquidated.

INDORSEMENT AS TO INSURER

The motor vehicle which the plaintiff was driving at the time of the collision and the motor vehicle which the defendant was driving at that time were both insured with Colin Luke & Associates (Insurance) Ltd, whose address is Swara House, West Bay Road, PO Box 144 GT, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, BWI.

THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS was issued by Morris M Garcia, the attorney-at-law for the plaintiff, whose address for service is that of her said attorney-at-law, Nevlaw Building, Sheddon Road, PO Box 1185 GT, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE OF THE WRIT OF SUMMONS**

If you intend to instruct an Attorney to act for you, give him this form IMMEDIATELY

Important: Read the accompanying directions and notes for guidance carefully before completing this form. If given wrongly, THIS FORM MAY HAVE TO BE RETURNED.

Delay may result in judgment being entered against a Defendant whereby he may have to pay the costs of applying to set it aside.

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1. State the full name of the Defendant by whom or on whose behalf the service of the Writ is being acknowledged.

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2. State whether the Defendant intends to contest the proceedings (tick appropriate box )

\_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

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3. If the claim against the Defendant is for a debt or liquidated sum, AND he does not intend to contest the proceedings, state if the Defendant intends to apply for a stay of execution against any judgment entered by the Plaintiff ( tick box )

\_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

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PLEASE COMPLETE OVERLEAF

Service of the Writ is acknowledged accordingly.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

[ Attorney] for:

[ Defendant in person ]

Address for service:

**Notes on address for service**

Attorneys: 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 acting in person ) of his name, address and reference, if any, in the box below:

Morris M Garcia  
Attorney-at-law  
P.O.Box 1185GT  
Grand Cayman

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

Filed by Morris M Garcia, Suite #2, Nevlaw Building, Grand Cayman, attorney-at-law 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 495, George Town, Grand Cayman.

2. A defendant who states in his Acknowledgement of Service that he intends to contest the proceedings **must also serve a defence** on the attorney for the plaintiff ( or on the plaintiff acting in person).

If a Statement of Claim is endorsed on the Writ ( ie. 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 a Statement of Claim is not endorsed 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 affidavit of his means. The affidavit should state any offer which the defendant desires to make for the payment of the money by installments 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 a 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 authorised 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 a **guardian ad litem**.
8. A defendant acting in person may obtain help in completing the form at the Courts Office.