

IN THE [NAME OF COURT]

[JUDICIAL DISTRICT/CIRCUIT], STATE OF [STATE]

[PLAINTIFF'S FULL NAME],

Plaintiff,

v.

[DEFENDANT'S FULL NAME],

Defendant.

Case No.: _____

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure [or applicable state rule], Defendant [Defendant's Full Name] hereby moves this Court to dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint, and all claims asserted therein, with prejudice, on the grounds that the Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. In support thereof, Defendant states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff [Plaintiff's Name] has filed a Complaint alleging [brief description of claims, e.g., breach of contract, negligence, fraud] against Defendant [Defendant's Name]. The Complaint, however, is fatally deficient and must be dismissed for the reasons set forth herein. Plaintiff has failed to plead sufficient facts to state a plausible claim for relief, and no amendment can cure these fundamental deficiencies.

II. RELEVANT FACTUAL BACKGROUND

For purposes of this Motion only, Defendant accepts the well-pleaded factual allegations in the Complaint as true. The pertinent facts, as alleged by Plaintiff, are as follows:

1. [State the key factual allegation from the Complaint, e.g., 'On or about [date], Plaintiff entered into a written contract with Defendant for [subject matter].']
2. [State the next relevant factual allegation, e.g., 'Plaintiff alleges that Defendant breached the contract by [alleged act/omission].']
3. [Continue with additional factual allegations as necessary.]

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Under Rule 12(b)(6), a complaint must be dismissed if it fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007). To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to 'state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.' *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009) (quoting *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 570). A claim is facially plausible when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged. *Id.* Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere conclusory statements, do not suffice. *Id.*

IV. ARGUMENT

A. Plaintiff Fails to State a Claim for [First Cause of Action]

To state a claim for [cause of action], a plaintiff must allege: (1) [element one]; (2) [element two]; and (3) [element three]. See [citation]. Here, Plaintiff's Complaint is deficient because:

4. [Explain why the first element is not adequately pleaded, citing specific paragraphs of the Complaint and relevant authority.]
5. [Explain why the second element is not adequately pleaded.]
6. [Explain why the third element is not adequately pleaded or why the claim fails as a matter of law.]

B. Plaintiff Fails to State a Claim for [Second Cause of Action]

[Repeat the analytical framework for each additional cause of action, addressing the legal standard and specific pleading deficiencies. Include any applicable affirmative defenses, such as statute of limitations, lack of standing, or preemption, that appear on the face of the Complaint.]

C. The Claims Are Barred by [Applicable Defense, e.g., Statute of Limitations]

[If applicable, explain any affirmative defense that bars the claims on the face of the Complaint. For example: 'The applicable statute of limitations for [claim] is [X] years. See [cite statute]. Plaintiff's own Complaint alleges that the events giving rise to this action occurred on [date], yet this action was not filed until [filing date]—[Y] years after the claim accrued. Accordingly, all claims are time-barred on the face of the pleading.']

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order:

7. Granting this Motion to Dismiss in its entirety;
8. Dismissing Plaintiff's Complaint, and all claims asserted therein, with prejudice;
9. Awarding Defendant its costs and attorneys' fees to the extent permitted by law; and
10. Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

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State Bar No. [XXXXXX]

[Law Firm Name]

[Address]

Tel: [Phone] | Fax: [Fax]

Email: [Email]

Attorney for Defendant [Defendant's Name]

Dated: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on [Date], a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss was served upon all counsel of record via [method of service, e.g., electronic filing through the Court's CM/ECF system / first-class U.S. mail / email] addressed as follows:

[Opposing Counsel's Name, Firm, Address, Email]

[Attorney's Name]