

Dear Mount Dallas Neighbor,

As you know, Mary Stone is the attorney that is helping the Association in the Welker lawsuit. The Board continues to do the “heavy lifting” in managing the various aspects of the suit to help keep costs to a minimum.

Several neighbors asked for guidance in responding to the suit. Mary Stone, as well as Mount Dallas Association encourages you to seek your own independent legal counsel.

Currently there are two documents that you can submit, if you like, in regard to this case:

- Acceptance of Service
- Answer to Complaint

Once you accept service, by signing and returning the Acceptance of Service that was included in the suit OR by personally being served the legal documents, you have **20 days after** that to submit your answer to the complaint. The letter from Mary includes details about where to send the documents, etc.

As Mary noted in her letter (file name *How to Accept Service and Answer Complaint*), the Welker’s attorney states in his letter, that if you sign and return the Acceptance of Service, you do not need to answer the complaint at this time. **HOWEVER, if there are additional issues you would like to add to the lawsuit, it is best that you answer the complaint and include any new issues you want addressed.** Mary put together a blank template (file name Answer to Complaint Blank Template) for you to use answer the complaint if you so choose. If there are additional issues you want addressed, you would type those issues near the bottom, below item 8. An example of this would read:

WHEREFORE, Defendant(s) {Your Name}, request that the court:

- A. The new issue you want addressed*
- B. The second new issue you want addressed*

The Board is reviewing our formal response to the Welker lawsuit on behalf of the Association. Additional issues have been added and we should be done with the answer to the complaint on Wednesday. We will send you a copy.

As always, we are here for you. Please let us know of any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Kindly,

Susie Allen, President
Royce Meyerott, Vice President
Sharon Boyd, Secretary
Sandra Hawley, Treasurer