

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

LIONEL GUSTAFSON, et al.,)
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 PLAINTIFFS,)
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 v.)
)
 ADRIAN JOHNS, in his official)
 Capacity as Probate Judge of Baldwin)
 County, Alabama, et al.,)
)
 DEFENDANTS.)

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 05-352

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ANSWER

NOW COMES the Defendant, Willie Pearl Watkins-Rice in her official capacity as Probate Judge of Sumter County, Alabama and for answer to the Complaint filed in this cause says as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

For that said Compliant does not set forth a cause of action for which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

A general denial. Plaintiff demands strict proof of all of the allegation of the Complaint.



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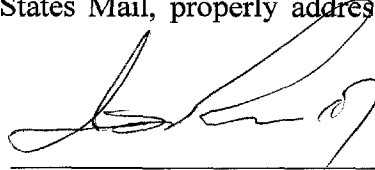
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by placing a copy of same in the United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid this 12 day of July, 2005.



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