

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

MIAMI DIVISION

CASE NO. 07-21221 CIV ALTONAGA/Turnoff

RENEE BLASZKOWSKI, *et al.*,
individually and on behalf of
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs/Class Representatives,
vs.

MARS INC., *et al*

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF JENNIFER DAMRON

I, Jennifer Damron, declare and state that the following is true and correct under penalty of perjury:

1. My name is Jennifer Damron. I am over eighteen years of age and have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein.
2. I am a named class representative in the above-titled litigation, and have been actively involved in the litigation since its inception in November 2007.
3. I have experienced significant changes in my personal circumstances since I first agreed to become a Plaintiff/Class Representative in this case. As an example, I have had to focus more of my time taking care of my sick, diabetic cat. I will not leave this cat with anyone else because nobody else knows how to properly take care of him, including testing his blood-sugar levels.
4. My financial situation has also dramatically changed due to circumstances that did not exist when I first agreed to be a Plaintiff/Class Representative. The current

national economic crisis has impacted my financial ability to continue in this case. As examples, I am not able to afford attending the class certification hearing, any mediation, and the trial, which I am obligated to attend if I am to be a diligent plaintiff. I also have not had my deposition taken because I cannot afford the associated costs of travel to the deposition site. As a result, I simply cannot afford any costs arising from this case as I am already struggling to make ends meet.

5. Although I am already struggling to make ends meet and have been since May, recent developments have exacerbated my ability financial hardship and have jeopardized my ability to even afford basic necessities like food and winter heating. Hence, I no longer wish to be a Plaintiff/Class Representative in this case because my continued participation will unquestionably exacerbate my dire financial situation and perhaps even drive me into bankruptcy.

6. My job situation has radically changed for the worse. On October 2, 2008, my job notified me that the company for which I work had been sold, which is a great concern because I am already barely able to meet my monthly expenses. Because I work between two (2) locations and only one (1) location was sold, the status of my job is now questionable. The new company takes control in November; I will not know until then whether I will even continue to have a job after the takeover. Consequently, I currently do not know if I will even be employed, part-time, full-time, or possibly even at all, come November. Furthermore, even if I am employed part-time, my benefits will double in costs because I will be forced to have two (2) part-time jobs.

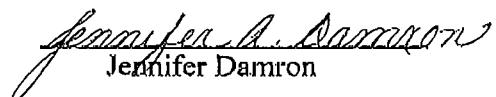
7. Given my current financial difficulties, I must commit all of my effort and focus on my job responsibilities so that I can continue to pay my bills and mortgage on time; I am legitimately concerned that not doing so will result in me losing my home.

8. Another circumstance that has changed during my involvement in this case is that I am now taking care of more cats. In May 2007, I was only responsible for two (2) cats; in June 2007, I took care of one (1) additional cat; in October 2007, I took in four (4) more; in August 2008, I took in the last two (2), one of which was badly injured due to multiple severe burns. As can be expected, I will pay an exorbitant amount of money to kennel these ten (10) cats if I am to go out of town for any purpose, including for my deposition or any other case-related activity. I cannot afford these costs.

9. Consequently, I am no longer able to participate in this litigation any longer because the significant financial burden of this case will cause a severe hardship given my already-dire financial situation, because of my job situation being up in the air, and because I cannot continue to suffer from the time requirements of this case.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 6, 2008


Jennifer Damron