AO 399 (01/09) Waiver of the Service of Summons

## **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

for the

District of Massachusetts

Excelsior Printing Company  Plaintiff  v.  Matthew Inman and Papyrus-Recycled Greetings, Inc  Defendant	) ) Civil Action No. 3:12-cv-30200 )
WAIVER OF THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS	
To: Excelsior Printing Company	
(Name of the plaintiff's attorney or unrepresented plaintig	
two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of ref	
I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expen	se of serving a summons and complaint in this case.
I understand that I, or the entity I represent, wi jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive a	ill keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's my objections to the absence of a summons or of service.
	nust file and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within then this request was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the entered against me or the entity I represent.
Date: 03/05/2013	Signature of the altorney or unrepresented party
Papyrus-Recycled Greetings, Inc.	Patricia A. Motta, Esq.
Printed name of party waiving service of summons	Printed name  American Greetings Corporation  One American Road  Cleveland, OH 44144  Address
	Patty Matta@amaractings.com
	Patty.Motta@amgreetings.com  E-mail address
	(216) 252-7300
	Telephone number
Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons	

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.