AO 399 (03/08) Waiver of the Service of Summons

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

THE LAUTENBERG FOUNDATION ET AL. Plaintiff v. PETER MADOFF Defendant)	Civil Action No. 09-816 (SRC)
Waiver of the Service of Summons	
To: Ronald J. Riccio	
(Name of the plaintiff's attorney or unrepresented plaintiff)	-
I have received your request to waive service of a summ two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of returning	g one signed copy of the form to you.
I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expense of s	p all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's
jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive any ob	
	le and serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 within his request was sent (or 90 days if it was sent outside the red against me or the entity I represent.
	Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party
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	(212) 921-8399
	Telephone number
Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expen	ses 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.