IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION 1:11cv71

SYNOVUS BANK,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	<u>ORDER</u>
BOKKE, IV, LLC, JAMES ELEY,)	
JOHN KELLY SR., LAURA KELLY, MARK P. KELLY, SIMON)	
MANNION, MARLON NIEMAND, and JOHN G. RECKENBEIL,)	
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Defendants.)	
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In their Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants asserted Counterclaims and a Third Party Complaint. Plaintiff then moved to strike the Answer and Third Party Complaint [# 17] and moved to dismiss the Counterclaims [# 19]. Within twenty-one days of the filing of the Motion to Dismiss, Defendants filed an Amended Answer, which they were allowed to do as a matter of course. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). The Amended Answer, however, supercedes the original Answer, Counterclaims, and Third Party Complaint. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES as moot** the Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims [# 19] and Motion to Strike Answer to Complaint [# 17].

Signed: August 2, 2011

Dennis L. Howell United States Magistrate Judge