

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION**

1:11cv115

SYNOVUS BANK,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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ORDER

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JANA M. OSADA,

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Defendant.

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Pending before the Court is Defendant’s Motion to Amend Amended Answer to Complaint [# 44]. Defendant seeks leave of Court to amend their Amended Answer in order to add factual allegations, add two fraud causes of actions based on these facts, and to remove the case of action for aiding and abetting. Plaintiff consents to the amendment. The Court **GRANTS** Defendants’ Motion to Amend Answer to Complaint [# 44].

I. Analysis

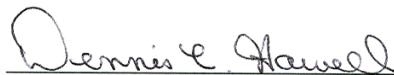
Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a) provides that a party may amend its pleading after the expiration of the time periods specified in Rule 15(a)(1) "only with the opposing party's written consent or the court's leave." Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). Rule 15(a)(2) further provides that leave to amend shall be freely given "when justice so requires." Id. Absent a showing of undue delay, bad faith,

futility, or prejudice to the opposing party, a court should grant a party leave to amend. Foman v. Davis, 371 U.S. 178, 182, 83 S. Ct. 227 (1962); Equal Rights Center v. Niles Bolton Assocs., 602 F.3d 597. The proposed amendment to Defendant's Amended Answer would not result in undue delay or prejudice to Plaintiff, and the amendment is not futile or made in bad faith. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion to Amend Amended Answer to Complaint [# 44].

II. Conclusion

The Court **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion to Amend Amended Answer to Complaint [# 44]. Defendant shall file her Second Amended Answer by December 7, 2011. The Court **DENIES as moot** the Motion to Dismiss Amended Counterclaims [# 25], Motion to Strike Answer [# 31], and Motion to Dismiss Amended Third Party Claims [# 35]. Plaintiff shall have twenty (20) days from the filing of the Second Amended Answer to answer or otherwise respond to any counterclaims or third-party claims asserted.

Signed: November 22, 2011

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Dennis L. Howell
United States Magistrate Judge



