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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WINONA
DISTRICT COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

**MERCHANTS BANK, N.A.,
PLAINTIFF, VS. DEAN
J. GAVIN, DEFENDANT.
COURT FILE NO. 85-
CV-25-214 CASE TYPE:
CONTRACT SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)**

THIS SUMMONS IS
DIRECTED TO THE
A B O V E - N A M E D
DEFENDANT.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED.

The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

**2. YOU MUST REPLY
WITHIN 21 DAYS TO
PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.**

You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

Christopher W. Coon
Dunlap & Seeger, P.A.
30 3rd Street SE, Suite 400
Post Office Box 549
Rochester, MN 55903-0549

3. YOU MUST RESPOND

TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

**4. YOU WILL LOSE
YOUR CASE IF YOU DO
NOT SEND A WRITTEN
RESPONSE TO THE
COMPLAINT TO THE
PERSON WHO SIGNED
THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

**6. ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice.

You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

**THIS COMMUNICATION
IS FROM A DEBT
COLLECTOR. WE
ARE ATTEMPTING TO
COLLECT A DEBT. ANY
INFORMATION OBTAINED
WILL BE USED FOR THAT
PURPOSE.**

Dated: February 25, 2026.
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