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STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY **Civil Division**

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KELLY A. SHURE	TYPE OF SUIT	AMOUNT OF SUIT		
8565 DUNWOODY PLACE, BLDG 15, STE. A	[]ACCOUNT	PRINCIPAL \$		
ATLANTA, GA 30350	[] CONTRACT			
Plaintiff's Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code	[] NOTE [X] TORT [X] PERSONAL INJURY	INTEREST \$		
V.	[] FOREIGN JUDGMENT			
GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC; et al.	[] TROVER [] SPECIAL LIEN	COURT COST \$		
% CT CORPORATION, as Registered Agent	[X] NEW FILING [] RE-FILING: PREVIOUS CASE NO			
1201 PEACHTREE STREET, NE				
ATLANTA, GA 30361	[]TE-1 IEINO, FALVIOGO	//OL NO.		
Defendant's Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code	•			
SUMMONS				
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC				

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, to-wit;

An answer to the complaint which is herewith served on you, within thirty (30) days after service on you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint, plus cost of this action. DEFENSE MAY BE MADE & JURY TRIAL DEMANDED, via electronic filing through eFileGA via www.eFileGA.com or, if desired, at the e-filing public access terminal in the Clerk's Office at 185 Central Ave., S.W., Room TG100, Atlanta, GA 30303.

T. Charles Blaska The Blaska Law Firm, LLC 8565 Dunwoody Place Building 15, Suite A Atlanta, GA 30350 770-998-1005

This 28th day of January, 2016

If the sum claimed in the suit, or value of the property sued for, is \$300.00 or more Principal, the defendant must admit or deny the paragraphs of plaintiff's petition by making written Answer. Such paragraphs not denied will be taken as true. If the plaintiff's petition is sworn to, or if suit is based on an unconditional contract in writing, then the defendant's answer must be sworn to.

If the principal sum claimed in the suit, or value of the property sued for, is less than \$300,00, and is on a note, unconditional contract, account sworn to, or the petition sworn to, defense must be made by filling a sworn answer setting up the facts relied on as a defense.

SERVICE INFORMATION: Served , this day of, 20		
	DEPUTY MARSHAL, STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY	
WRITE VERDICT HERE: We, the jury, find for		
This, 20	Foreperson	

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Civil Division

IN THE STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

KELLY A. SHURE,)
Plaintiff,)
\mathbf{v} .) Civil Action File No.
GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC;)
GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC;	Ś
GREYSTAR ASSOCIATES IV, LLC;)
GREYSTAR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, L.P.;)
GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC;)
GREYSTAR GP II, LLC;	j
GREYSTAR HOLDINGS, INC.;	<u>)</u>
GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.P.;)
GREYSTAR RS SE, LLC,)
CRP-GREP AVENTINE, L.P.;)
CRP-GREP ELAN 144 OWNER, LLC;)
GREP GENERAL PARTNER, LLC;)
GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC,)
GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC,)
)
Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW KELLY A. SHURE ("Plaintiff") and makes and files this, her

Complaint, against Defendants GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC; GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC;

GREYSTAR ASSOCIATES IV, LLC; GREYSTAR DEVELOPMENT AND

CONSTRUCTION, L.P.; GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC; GREYSTAR GP

II, LLC; GREYSTAR HOLDINGS, INC.; GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES,

L.P.; GREYSTAR RS SE, LLC, CRP-GREP AVENTINE, L.P.; CRP-GREP ELAN 144

OWNER, LLC; GREP GENERAL PARTNER, LLC; GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE

PARTNERS GP, LLC; GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC, and respectfully shows this Honorable Court the following:

Plaintiff **KELLY A. SHURE** is a Georgia resident and submits herself to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

2.

Defendant GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

3.

Defendant GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Upon information and belief, Defendant GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC also does business as "Greystar Management Services, LLC" and as "Greystar Real Estate Partners" despite no such corporation or entity's existence in the State of Georgia.

Defendant GREYSTAR ASSOCIATES IV, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREYSTAR

ASSOCIATES IV, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR ASSOCIATES IV, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR ASSOCIATES IV, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

5.

Defendant GREYSTAR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, L.P. is a foreign limited partnership company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREYSTAR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, L.P. is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, L.P. can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, L.P. will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

6.

Defendant GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18

Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

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Defendant GREYSTAR GP II, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREYSTAR GP II, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR GP II, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR GP II, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

8.

Defendant GREYSTAR HOLDINGS, INC. is a foreign corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREYSTAR HOLDINGS, INC. is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR HOLDINGS, INC. can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant

GREYSTAR HOLDINGS, INC. will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

9.

Defendant GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.P. is a foreign limited partnership existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.P. is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.P. can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.P. will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Upon information and belief, Defendant GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.P. also does business as "Greystar Management Services, LLC" despite no such corporation's existence in the State of Georgia.

10.

Defendant GREYSTAR RS SE, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREYSTAR RS SE, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR RS SE, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR RS SE, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

Defendant CRP-GREP AVENTINE, L.P. is a foreign limited partnership existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant CRP-GREP AVENTINE, L.P. is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant CRP-GREP AVENTINE, L.P. can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant CRP-GREP AVENTINE, L.P. will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

12.

Defendant CRP-GREP ELAN 144 OWNER, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant CRP-GREP ELAN 144 OWNER, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant CRP-GREP ELAN 144 OWNER, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant CRP-GREP ELAN 144 OWNER, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

13.

Defendant GREP GENERAL PARTNER, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 18 Broad Street, Suite 300, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. Defendant GREP GENERAL PARTNER, LLC is registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is authorized to transact

business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREP GENERAL PARTNER, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREP GENERAL PARTNER, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

14.

Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with it principal office located at 11 State Street, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401. This entity was named in the affidavit of Colene Mixon, Broadspire Services, as an insured party "[o]n the date of the alleged incident" in compliance with OCGA § 33-3-28. Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC is not currently registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is not currently authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC does not have a listed registered agent; however, upon information and belief the registered agent is CT Corporation System, located at 1201 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361. When served with summons and a copy of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Upon information and belief, Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC also does business as "GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC," who is named above as a Defendant in this action.

15.

Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC is a foreign limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with an unlisted principal office address. This entity was named in the affidavit of Colene Mixon, Broadspire Services,

as an insured party "[o]n the date of the alleged incident" in compliance with OCGA § 33-3-28. Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC is <u>not</u> registered with Georgia's Secretary of State and is <u>not</u> authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia. Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC can be served by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 2 Office Park Court, Suite 103, Columbia, South Carolina 29223. When served with summons and a second original of this Complaint, Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC will be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Upon information and belief, Defendant GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC," who is named above as a Defendant in this action.

16.

Venue is proper in this Court.

17.

Rockledge Apartment Homes ("Rockledge Homes") is an apartment home community located at 2075 Powers Ferry Road SE, Marietta, Georgia.

18.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC.

19.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by GS ROCKLEDGE, LLC.

20.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREP SOUTHEAST,

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21.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by GREP SOUTHEAST, LLC.

22.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREYSTAR
ASSOCIATES IV, LLC.

23.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by GREYSTAR ASSOCIATES IV, LLC.

24.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREYSTAR

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, L.P.

25.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by GREYSTAR

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, L.P.

26.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC.

27.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by GREYSTAR EQUITY PARTNERS IV, LLC.

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At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREYSTAR GP II,

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AVENTINE, L.P.

37.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by CRP-GREP AVENTINE, L.P.

38.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by CRP-GREP ELAN 144

OWNER, LLC.

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At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by CRP-GREP ELAN 144 OWNER, LLC.

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At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREP GENERAL PARTNER, LLC.

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At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by GREP GENERAL PARNTER, LLC.

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At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC.

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At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was managed by GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS GP, LLC.

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At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREYSTAR REAL

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ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC.

45.

At all times material hereto, Rockledge Homes was owned by GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC.

46.

At all times material hereto, Plaintiff resided in a Rockledge Homes apartment. This apartment's address is 2111 Powers Ferry Road, Apt. F, Marietta, Georgia 30067.

47.

On January 28, 2014, Atlanta, Georgia experienced a severe ice and snow storm, which affected the area where Rockledge Homes is located.

48.

On the evening on January 28, 2014, Plaintiff was walking on a sidewalk in the common area of Rockledge Homes en route to her apartment.

49.

At the same time and place, Plaintiff was required to negotiate a stairway to access her apartment.

50. .

At the same time and place, Plaintiff reached for the stairway's handrail to steady herself because of the icy weather conditions and insufficient lighting due to non-functioning lighting in the area.

51.

At the same time and place, the entire handrail snapped and completely broke loose while in Plaintiff's grasp due rusted areas on the handrail that had not been maintained or treated.

At the same time and place, the broken handrail caused Plaintiff to fall onto the concrete staircase.

53.

At the same time and place, Plaintiff sustained serious and permanent bodily injury as a result of the broken handrail and subsequent fall.

54.

At the same time and place, the staircase where the handrail broke loose was Plaintiff's only means of ingress and egress to her apartment.

55.

At the same time and place, no warning signs were posted on the staircase where the handrail broke loose and Plaintiff fell, or in any other area of area of Rockledge Homes.

56.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, were required to but failed to comply with the standards set forth in The International Building Code and The International Property Maintenance Code (specifically Sections 304 and 307).

57.

Defendants' collective failure to comply with The International Building Code and The International Property Maintenance Code constitutes negligence per se.

58.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, had a duty to control, manage and maintain the Rockledge Homes apartment complex in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, knew or should have known about the defective, rusted handrail that broke loose and caused Plaintiff's fall.

60.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, owed Plaintiff, as a tenant and business invitee, a duty to exercise ordinary care in keeping the Rockledge Homes apartment complex reasonably safe and free of dangerous conditions pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 51-3-1.

61.

Defendants, collectively, breached the duty owed Plaintiff pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 51-3-1 by failing to exercise ordinary care in keeping its premises reasonably safe and free of dangerous conditions.

62.

Defendants' collective breach of the duty owed Plaintiff pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 51-3-1 constitutes negligence *per se*.

63.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, failed to maintain the handrail located on the staircase where Plaintiff fell.

64.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, failed to warn Plaintiff about the defective, rusted handrail located on the staircase where Plaintiff fell.

65.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, failed to inspect the lighting conditions and light fixtures on the staircase where Plaintiff fell.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, failed to inspect the staircase where Plaintiff fell, which served as Plaintiff's sole means of ingress and egress to her apartment in Rockledge Homes.

67.

At all times material hereto, Defendants, collectively, failed to salt or clear the staircase where Plaintiff fell, which served as Plaintiff's sole means of ingress and egress to her apartment in Rockledge Homes.

68.

The negligent actions of the collective Defendants' agents and employees shall be imputed upon the collective Defendants by and through the doctrine of respondent superior.

69.

Defendants, collectively, are liable for Plaintiff's damages due to their combined and concurring negligence.

70.

As a direct, factual and proximate result of Defendants' combined and concurring negligence, Plaintiff has incurred medical and therapeutic expenses, past, present, and future, in excess of \$161,000.00.

71.

As a direct, factual and proximate result of Defendants' combined and concurring negligence, Plaintiff has suffered severe and painful physical, mental, and emotional injuries.

72.

As a direct, factual and proximate result of Defendants' combined and concurring negligence, Plaintiff sustained permanent physical injuries.

As a result of the injuries Plaintiff sustained in the subject fall, Plaintiff has undergone surgery and requires additional, future surgery.

74.

All of the injuries and damages herein claimed by Plaintiff resulted solely and proximately from Defendants' combined and concurring negligence.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays as follows:

- That summons and process issue and that Defendants each be served in accordance with the laws of this state;
- That Defendants be required to answer this Complaint within thirty (30) days from the date of service upon it;
- That Plaintiff has a verdict and judgment against Defendants in this action to
 recover damages including, but not limited to, medical expenses, physical pain and
 suffering, past, present and future; mental pain and suffering, past, present and
 future and for such other damages to which she may be entitled under the laws of
 this State;
- That Plaintiff recovers interest on any unliquidated damages demand in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 51-12-14;
- For a jury trial as to all issues so triable; and
- For such other relief as may be proper under the circumstances of this action.

[Signature on Following Page]

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of January, 2016.

/s/ T. Charles Blaska
T. Charles Blaska
Georgia State Bar No. 940640
Dana J. Norman
Georgia State Bar No. 545790
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