FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE Failure to State a Claim – Count IV

- 1. Count IV purports to assert claims: (a) under § 2310(d) of the Magnusson Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2310(d); (b) under § 2-601 of the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code, 810 ILCS 5/2-601; and (c) under § 2-701 of the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code, 810 ILCS 5/2-701. Count IV fails to state any claim for relief under each of these referenced sections.
- 2. Section 2310(d) of the Magnusson Moss Act merely provides jurisdictional guidelines and does not grant an independent cause of action. As such, the Amended Complaint fails to state a claim for any alleged violation of the Magnusson Moss Act in Count IV.
- 3. Section 2-601 of the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) provides a buyer's rights when an improper delivery has occurred. Section 2-601 provides that, within a reasonable time, a buyer of goods may (a) reject the whole, (b) accept the whole, or (c) accept any commercial unit or units and reject the rest. 810 ILCS 5/2-601. As alleged in paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Amended Complaint, Plaintiff accepted the whole when she purchased the automobile at issue. Section 2-601 does not provide relief for any later occurring defects. Therefore, the Amended Complaint fails to state a claim for any alleged violation of the UCC in Count IV.
- 4. Section 2-701 of the Illinois UCC outlines remedies for breaches of collateral contracts. 810 ILCS 5/2-701. There is no private cause of action supported by § 2-701. Accordingly, the Amended Complaint fails to state a claim for any alleged violation of the UCC in Count IV.