

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BF LABS, INC., *et al.*

Defendants.

CASE NO. 4:14-cv-00815-BCW

**FTC'S MOTION TO STRIKE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF DEFENDANTS BF
LABS, INC., DARLA DRAKE, AND SONNY VLEISIDES**

Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC", pursuant to Rule 12(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, moves to strike all affirmative defenses in the Answers filed by Defendants BF Labs, Inc. (DE 324), Darla Drake (DE 325), and Sonny Vleisides (DE 326).¹

In support of its motion, the FTC respectfully refers the Court to its Suggestions in Support of its Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses. As explained in the Suggestions, these defenses are insufficient because they are legally incorrect, redundant denials of the Complaints' allegations, or incomprehensible. Furthermore, allowing them to survive into discovery would prejudice both the government and consumers harmed by Defendants.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Each Answer asserts the same affirmative defenses in the same order.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on June 22, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed electronically with the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification to all parties of interest participating in the CM/ECF system.

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