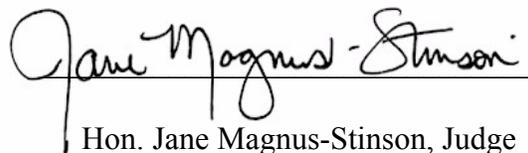


exceed \$75,000 “exclusive of interest and costs,” [28 U.S.C. § 1332](#); and (b) the amount in controversy requirement must be met for each plaintiff, [Del Vecchio v. Conseco, Inc., 230 F.3d 974, 978 \(7th Cir. 2000\)](#). Plaintiffs’ amount in controversy allegation does not provide enough information for the Court to determine whether diversity jurisdiction exists for each plaintiff.

The Court is not being hyper-technical: Counsel has a professional obligation to analyze subject-matter jurisdiction, [Heinen v. Northrop Grumman Corp., 671 F.3d 669 \(7th Cir. 2012\)](#), and a federal court always has a responsibility to ensure that it has jurisdiction, [Hukic v. Aurora Loan Servs., 588 F.3d 420, 427 \(7th Cir. 2009\)](#).

For these reasons, the Court **ORDERS** Plaintiffs to file an Amended Complaint by **March 24, 2015**, properly alleging the basis for this Court’s jurisdiction. Eli Lilly need not answer the Complaint, and its’ time to answer will run from when it is served with Plaintiffs’ Amended Complaint.

March 10, 2015



Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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