

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

KATHRYN LLEWELLYN-JONES, MARK
LLEWELLYN-JONES, CAROLINE JONES, PETER
GREEN, SAID FADEL, WARREN GROVER,
MARGARET JOYCE GROVER, and LESLEY GREEN,

Plaintiffs,

Case Number 13-11977
Honorable David M. Lawson

v.

METRO PROPERTY GROUP, LLC, METRO PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT, LLC, GLOBAL POWER EQUITIES,
LLC, APEX EQUITIES, LLC, SAMEER BEYDOUN, ALI
BEYDOUN, BAYDOUN LAW GROUP, PLLC, d/b/a THE
MERIDIAN LAW GROUP, MIKE ALAWEIH, DAVID
MAKKI, CHRIS PICCIURRO, KATHY MESSICS,
GEORGE VANDERBURG, ALLEN BROTHERS
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS PROFESSIONAL
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, JAMES ALLEN
JOHN ALLEN, and TAREK MAHMOUD BEYDOUN,

Defendants.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On May 3, 2013, the plaintiffs filed their complaint in this Court, asserting that this Court had subject matter jurisdiction on the basis of diversity of citizenship. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). The complaint stated that the plaintiffs are citizens of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Yemen, and Australia, defendants Sameer Beydoun, Ali Beydoun, Mike Alaweih, David Makki, Chris Picciurro, Kathy Messics, George Vanderburg, James Allen, John Allen, and Tarek Mahmoud Beydoun are Michigan residents, and defendants Metro Property Group, LLC, Metro Property Managment, LLC, Global Power Equities, LLC, Apex Equities, LLC, Baydoun Law Group, PLLC, and Allen Brothers Attorneys and Counselors Professional Limited Liability Company (“LLC defendants”) are Michigan limited liability companies with their principal places of business in Wayne County,

Michigan. In addition, the complaint alleged that the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

This Court is one of limited jurisdiction; it possesses only “that power authorized by Constitution and statute.” *Metro Hydroelectric Co., LLC v. Metro Parks*, 541 F.3d 605, 610 (6th Cir. 2008) (citation omitted). Diversity jurisdiction conferred on this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) exists only between citizens of different states, and complete diversity is required for a federal court to exercise jurisdiction under section 1332(a). *Peninsula Asset Mgmt. (Cayman) Ltd. v. Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.*, 509 F.3d 271, 272-73 (6th Cir. 2007). Diversity jurisdiction in the case of limited liability companies is assessed on the basis of the citizenship of each of their members. *See Delay v. Rosenthal Collins Group, LLC*, 585 F.3d 1003, 1005 (6th Cir. 2010).

The complaint in the present case does not allege the citizenship of all of the members of the LLC defendants. These facts are necessary for this Court to determine its subject matter jurisdiction over the case. Although Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure only requires a “short and plain statement of the grounds for the court’s jurisdiction,” the facts supporting the grounds for subject matter jurisdiction have not been asserted with requisite specificity here. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). Conclusory allegations of jurisdiction are not enough; the party pleading jurisdiction “must allege in his pleadings the facts essential to show jurisdiction.” *Penteco Corp. Ltd. P’ship–1985A v. Union Gas Sys., Inc.*, 929 F.2d 1519, 1521 (10th Cir. 1991) (quoting *McNutt v. Gen. Motors Acceptance Corp.*, 298 U.S.178, 189 (1936)); *see also Ogletree v. McNamara*, 449 F.2d 93, 98-99 (6th Cir. 1971) (requiring more than conclusory allegations of federal law violations to satisfy a standard for stating a short plain statement of the grounds to support the court’s jurisdiction). Because the plaintiffs have not pleaded adequately their allegations of jurisdiction, the Court will order the

plaintiffs to show cause why their complaint should not be dismissed for failure to comply with Rule 8(a).

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the plaintiffs must file an amended complaint with proper allegations supporting jurisdiction or show cause on or before **May 28, 2013** why its complaint should not be dismissed for want of subject matter jurisdiction.

s/David M. Lawson
DAVID M. LAWSON
United States District Judge

Dated: May 13, 2013

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served upon each attorney or party of record herein by electronic means or first class U.S. mail on May 13, 2013.

s/Shawntel Jackson
SHAWNTEL JACKSON