

FORM 1.997. CIVIL COVER SHEET

The civil cover sheet and the information contained in it neither replaces nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other documents as required by law. This form shall be filed by the plaintiff or petitioner with the Clerk of Court for purpose of reporting uniform data pursuant to section 25.075, Florida Statute. (See instructions for completion.)

1. CASE STYLE

In the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit for Osceola County, Florida

Plaintiff(s)

Case Number: _____

v.

Division: _____

Defendant(s)

2. AMOUNT OF CLAIM

Please indicate the estimated amount of the claim, rounded to the nearest dollar. The estimated amount of the claim is requested for data collection and clerical processing purposes only. The amount of the claim shall not be used for any other purposes.

- \$8,000 or less _____
- \$8,001 - \$30,000 _____
- \$30,001 - \$50,000 _____
- \$50,001 - \$75,000 _____
- \$75,001 - \$100,000 _____
- over \$100,000.00 _____

3. TYPE OF CASE (If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive category.) If the most descriptive label is a subcategory (is indented under a broader category), place an X in both the main category and subcategory boxes.

CIRCUIT CIVIL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium | <input type="checkbox"/> Homestead residential foreclosure \$50,001 - \$249,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts and indebtedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Homestead residential foreclosure \$250,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-homestead residential Foreclosure \$0 - \$50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto negligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-homestead residential Foreclosure \$50,001 - \$249,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negligence – other | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-homestead residential Foreclosure \$250,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business torts | <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust / trade regulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort | <input type="checkbox"/> Business transactions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Third party indemnification | <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional challenge – statute or ordinance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect | <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional challenge – proposed amendment |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate trusts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negligent security | <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination – employment or other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing home negligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premises liability – commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premises liability – residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Libel / Slander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Products liability | <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder derivative action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real property / Mortgage foreclosure | <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial foreclosure \$0 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade secrets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial foreclosure \$50,001 - \$249,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Trust litigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial foreclosure \$250,000 or more | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homestead residential foreclosure \$0 - \$50,000 | |

PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX IF THIS CASE IS APPROPRIATE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION DIVISION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION DIVISION ADDENDUM FORM.

COUNTY CIVIL

- Small Claims
- Civil
- Real property/Mortgage foreclosure
- Replevins
- Evictions
 - Residential Evictions
 - Non-Residential Evictions
- Other civil (non-monetary)

4. **REMEDIES SOUGHT** (Check all that apply):

- Monetary;
- Non-monetary declaratory or injunctive relief;
- Punitive

5. **NUMBER OF CAUSES OF ACTION:** _____
 (Specify) _____

6. **IS THIS CASE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT?**

- Yes
- No

7. **HAS NOTICE OF ANY KNOWN RELATED CASE BEEN FILED?**

- No
- Yes. If “Yes”, list all related cases by name, case number and court. _____

8. IS JURY TRIAL DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT?

Yes

No

I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have read and will comply with the requirements of Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.425.

Signature _____

Attorney or Party

FL Bar Number _____

(Bar Number if attorney)

Type or Print Name

Date

CIVIL COVER SHEET BUSINESS COURT ADDENDUM
PARTY OR ATTORNEY FILING ACTION MUST SELECT WHICH APPLIES

Cases Subject to Business Court. The principles set out below shall guide the parties and the Court in the assignment of cases to Business Court. All jury, non-jury, injunction and class action cases shall be assigned to Business Court if they are among the following types of actions:

- A. Any of the following where the amount in controversy is **\$500,000.00 or more:**
- 1. Claims arising from U.C.C. related transactions;
 - 2. Claims arising from the purchases and sales of business or the assets of a business including contract disputes and business torts;
 - 3. Claims involving the sale of goods or services by or to business enterprises;
 - 4. Claims involving non-consumer bank or brokerage accounts, including loan, deposit, cash management, and investment accounts;
 - 5. Claims arising from the purchase, sale, lease of real or personal property or security interests therein, excluding commercial landlord tenant claims;
 - 6. Claims related to surety bonds;
 - 7. Franchisee/franchisor relationships and liabilities;
 - 8. Malpractice claims of non-medical professionals in connection with rendering services to a business enterprise;
 - 9. Insurance coverage disputes, bad faith suits, and third party indemnity actions against insurers arising under policies issued to businesses, such as those claims arising under a commercial general liability policy or commercial property policy; and
 - 10. Other complex disputes of a commercial nature, excluding those listed in Section II of Administrative Order Number 2019-08-02. Cases eligible under this category will normally have four or more parties, multiple claims and defenses, third party, cross or counterclaims, complex factual or legal issues, or other unusual features warranting assignment to Business Court.

B. Any of the following without regard to the amount in controversy:

___ 1. Actions relating to the internal affairs or governance, dissolution or liquidation rights or obligations between or among owners (shareholders, partners, members), or liability or indemnity of managers (officers, directors, managers, trustees, or members or partners functioning as managers) of corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies or partnerships, professional associations, business trusts, joint ventures or other business enterprises;

___ 2. Actions relating to trade secrets and non-compete agreements;

___ 3. Intellectual property claims;

___ 4. Actions relating to securities or relating to or arising under the state securities laws or antitrust statutes;

___ 5. Shareholder derivative suits and class actions involving claims that are subject to Business Court, pursuant to Administrative Order Number 2019-08-02; and

___ 6. Actions relating to corporate trust affairs or director and officer liability.

NOTE: A copy of the Civil Cover Sheet and this Addendum must be served with the Complaint for all Business Court cases. See Administrative Order Number 2019-08-02 for further Business Court requirements.