

**CIVIL COVER SHEET (COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION DIVISION)**

The civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of the Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to section 25.075, Florida Statutes.

**I. CASE STYLE**

In the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit for Hillsborough County, Florida

\_\_\_\_\_ Case # \_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs. Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s).

**II. TYPE OF CASE** (Place an X in one box only. If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive.)

- | <u>Domestic Relations</u>                         | <u>Torts</u>                                | <u>Other Civil</u>  |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simplified dissolution   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prof. Malpractice  | <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution              | <input type="checkbox"/> Products Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support IV-D             | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Negligence    | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Non IV-D         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Negligence   | <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> URESA - IV-D             |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge to proposed              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> URESA - Non IV-D         |   | constitutional amendment                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence        |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Domestic Relations |   |   |

**■ THIS CASE IS APPROPRIATE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE COMPLEX LITIGATION BUSINESS DIVISION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION DIVISION ADDENDUM FORM.**

**III. IS JURY TRIAL DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT?**

- Yes     No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Attorney for  
Party Initiating Action \_\_\_\_\_

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**  
**COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION DIVISION ADDENDUM**  
**Party or Attorney Filing Action Must Place an "X" in One of the Boxes Below**

The categories of cases set out below shall guide the parties and the Court in the designation of cases for the Complex Business Litigation Division ("CBLD").

**AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY GREATER THAN \$150,000**

- Non-consumer UCC-related transactions;
- Purchases and sales of businesses or the assets of a business, including contract disputes, commercial landlord-tenant claims, and business torts;
- Non-consumer sale of goods or services by or to business enterprises;
- Non-consumer bank or brokerage accounts, including loan, deposit, cash management, and investment accounts;
- Purchase, sale, lease of commercial (real or personal) property or security interests therein;
- Commercial surety bonds;
- Franchisee / franchisor relationships and liabilities;
- Malpractice against professionals, except health care providers, in connection with rendering services relating to a business enterprise;
- Business torts, including unfair competition, breach of fiduciary duty, and tortious interference with contracts;
- Complex construction litigation, other than consumer home construction disputes, unless a court determines that the home construction dispute is business-related and complex; or
- Insurance coverage, bad faith litigation, and third party indemnity actions against insurers arising under policies issued to businesses, such as claims arising under a commercial general liability policy, commercial property policy, or title insurance policy, not including claims where the underlying dispute is a personal injury claim, unless a court determines that the personal injury insurance claim is business-related and complex.

**ANY AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY**

- Internal affairs or governance, dissolution or liquidation rights, 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;
- Trade secrets and non-compete agreements;
- Intellectual property;
- Securities or state securities laws;
- Antitrust statutes;
- Shareholder derivative actions and related class actions; and
- 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 Complex Business Litigation Division cases. See Administrative Order S-2008-105 for further Complex Business Litigation Division requirements.