

**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 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit for Hillsborough County, Florida

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s)

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

vs

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

**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 \$150,000.00**

- 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-2013-021 for further Complex Business Litigation Division requirements.***