

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

**(b)** County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff  
*(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)*

**(c)** Attorneys *(Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)*

**DEFENDANTS**  
  
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant  
*(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)*  
  
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.  
  
Attorneys *(If Known)*

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*  

☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff

☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant

☐ 3 Federal Question  
*(U.S. Government Not a Party)*

☐ 4 Diversity  
*(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)*

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** *(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)*

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*  

**CONTRACT**  
☐ 110 Insurance  
☐ 120 Marine  
☐ 130 Miller Act  
☐ 140 Negotiable Instrument  
☐ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment  
☐ 151 Medicare Act  
☐ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)  
☐ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits  
☐ 160 Stockholders' Suits  
☐ 190 Other Contract  
☐ 195 Contract Product Liability  
☐ 196 Franchise

**TORTS**  
**PERSONAL INJURY**  
☐ 310 Airplane  
☐ 315 Airplane Product Liability  
☐ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander  
☐ 330 Federal Employers' Liability  
☐ 340 Marine  
☐ 345 Marine Product Liability  
☐ 350 Motor Vehicle  
☐ 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability  
☐ 360 Other Personal Injury  
☐ 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice  
**PERSONAL INJURY**  
☐ 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability  
☐ 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability  
☐ 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability  
**PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
☐ 370 Other Fraud  
☐ 371 Truth in Lending  
☐ 380 Other Personal Property Damage  
☐ 385 Property Damage Product Liability

**FORFEITURE/PENALTY**  
☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881  
☐ 690 Other  
**LABOR**  
☐ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act  
☐ 720 Labor/Management Relations  
☐ 740 Railway Labor Act  
☐ 751 Family and Medical Leave Act  
☐ 790 Other Labor Litigation  
☐ 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
**IMMIGRATION**  
☐ 462 Naturalization Application  
☐ 465 Other Immigration Actions

**BANKRUPTCY**  
☐ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158  
☐ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**  
☐ 820 Copyrights  
☐ 830 Patent  
☐ 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application  
☐ 840 Trademark  
☐ 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016  
**SOCIAL SECURITY**  
☐ 861 HIA (1395ff)  
☐ 862 Black Lung (923)  
☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))  
☐ 864 SSID Title XVI  
☐ 865 RSI (405(g))  
**FEDERAL TAX SUITS**  
☐ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)  
☐ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609

**OTHER STATUTES**  
☐ 375 False Claims Act  
☐ 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))  
☐ 400 State Reapportionment  
☐ 410 Antitrust  
☐ 430 Banks and Banking  
☐ 450 Commerce  
☐ 460 Deportation  
☐ 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations  
☐ 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692)  
☐ 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act  
☐ 490 Cable/Sat TV  
☐ 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange  
☐ 890 Other Statutory Actions  
☐ 891 Agricultural Acts  
☐ 893 Environmental Matters  
☐ 895 Freedom of Information Act  
☐ 896 Arbitration  
☐ 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision  
☐ 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

**V. ORIGIN** *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*  

☐ 1 Original Proceeding

☐ 2 Removed from State Court

☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court

☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened

☐ 5 Transferred from Another District *(specify)*

☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer

☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing *(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):*

Brief description of cause:

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

**DEMAND \$**

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
**JURY DEMAND:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY** *(See instructions):*

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

**I.**

Civil Categories: (Please check one category only).

- |    |                          |                                       |
|----|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> | General Civil                         |
| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Administrative Review/Social Security |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Habeas Corpus Death Penalty           |

\*If under Title 28, §2255, name the SENTENCING JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**II.**

**RELATED OR REFILED CASES** See LR 3.1 which provides in pertinent part: "If an action is filed or removed to this Court and assigned to a District Judge after which it is discontinued, dismissed or remanded to a State court, and subsequently refiled, it shall be assigned to the same Judge who received the initial case assignment without regard for the place of holding court in which the case was refiled. Counsel or a party without counsel shall be responsible for bringing such cases to the attention of the Court by responding to the questions included on the Civil Cover Sheet."

This action: ☐ is **RELATED** to another **PENDING** civil case ☐ is a **REFILED** case ☐ was **PREVIOUSLY REMANDED**

If applicable, please indicate on page 1 in section VIII, the name of the Judge and case number.

**III.**

In accordance with Local Civil Rule 3.8, actions involving counties in the Eastern Division shall be filed at any of the divisional offices therein. Actions involving counties in the Western Division shall be filed at the Toledo office. For the purpose of determining the proper division, and for statistical reasons, the following information is requested. **ANSWER ONE PARAGRAPH ONLY. ANSWER PARAGRAPHS 1 THRU 3 IN ORDER. UPON FINDING WHICH PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO YOUR CASE, ANSWER IT AND STOP.**

(1) **Resident defendant.** If the defendant resides in a county within this district, please set forth the name of such county

**COUNTY:**

Corporation **For the purpose of answering the above, a corporation is deemed to be a resident of that county in which it has its principal place of business in that district.**

(2) **Non-Resident defendant.** If no defendant is a resident of a county in this district, please set forth the county wherein the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred.

**COUNTY:**

(3) **Other Cases.** If no defendant is a resident of this district, or if the defendant is a corporation not having a principle place of business within the district, and the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred outside this district, please set forth the county of the plaintiff's residence.

**COUNTY:**

**IV.**

The Counties in the Northern District of Ohio are divided into divisions as shown below. After the county is determined in Section III, please check the appropriate division.

**EASTERN DIVISION**

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Akron - (Counties: Carroll, Holmes, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cleveland - (Counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and Richland) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Youngstown - (Counties: Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull)   |

**WESTERN DIVISION**

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Toledo - (Counties: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca VanWert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot) |
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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

## Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
  - (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
  - (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.