

Defendant No. 1

Name _____
Job or Title _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____

Defendant No. 2

Name _____
Job or Title _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____

Defendant No. 3

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Job or Title _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____

Defendant No. 4

Name _____
Job or Title _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____

Defendant No. 5

Name _____

Job or Title _____

Street Address _____

City and County _____

State and Zip Code _____

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only these types of cases can be heard in federal court: a dispute that involves a right in the United States Constitution or a federal law (as opposed to a state law or local ordinance); a dispute that involves the United States of America (or any of its agencies, officers or employees in their official capacities) as a party; and a dispute between citizens of different states with an amount in controversy that is more than \$75,000.

What is the basis for federal court jurisdiction? (*check all that apply*)

Constitutional or Federal Question USA Defendant Diversity of citizenship

Fill out the paragraphs in this section that apply to this case.

A. If the Basis for Jurisdiction is USA defendant

The Defendant(s)

Name of Agency _____

Address _____

B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction is a Constitutional or Federal Question

List the specific federal statutes, federal treaties, and/or provisions of the United States Constitution that are at issue in this case.

C. If the Basis for Jurisdiction is Diversity of Citizenship

1. The Plaintiff

The plaintiff, *(name)* _____, is a citizen of the State of *(name)* _____.

2. The Defendant(s)

a. If the defendant is an individual

The defendant, *(name)* _____, is a citizen of the State of *(name)* _____. Or is a citizen of *(foreign nation)* _____.

b. If the defendant is a corporation

The defendant, *(name)* _____, is incorporated under the laws of the State of *(name)* _____, and has its principal place of business in the State of *(name)* _____.

Or is incorporated under the laws of *(foreign nation)* _____, and has its principal place of business in *(name)* _____.

(If more than one defendant is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional defendant.)

3. The Amount in Controversy

The amount in controversy – the amount the plaintiff claims the defendant owes or the amount that is at state – is more than \$75,000, not counting interest and costs of court, because: *(explain)*

III. Statement of Claim

V. Certification and Closing

Under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint; (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a non-frivolous argument for extending, modifying or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in dismissal of my case.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City and State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature of plaintiff _____

Date signed _____

****OPTIONAL****

You may request to receive electronic notifications. You may not file documents or communicate with the court electronically. All documents must be submitted in paper and you must serve the defendants.

Type of personal computer and related software/equipment required:

- Personal computer running a standard platform such as Windows or Mac OSX
- Internet access (high speed is recommended)
- A Web browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 or 6.0 or Mozilla Firefox 2 or 1.5)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader is needed for viewing e-filed documents
- PACER account – Information and registration at www.pacer.gov

- You will receive one “free” look of the document. Documents must be viewed within 14 days. You must only single-click on the hyperlink to view.

Note: You must promptly notice the Clerk’s Office, in writing, if there is a change in your designated e-mail address. Failure to update your email address does not excuse failures to appear or timely respond.

E-mail type:

- HTML – Recommended for most e-mail clients
- Plain Text – Recommended for e-mail accounts unable to process HTML e-mail

Conditioned upon the sufficiency of your electronic equipment which the court will test and verify receipt, you will be allowed to receive electronic notifications.

By submitting this request , the undersigned consents to electronic service and waives the right to personal service and service by first class mail pursuant to Rule 5(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, except with regard to service of a summons and complaint.

When a filing is entered on the case docket, a party who is registered for electronic noticing will receive a Notice of Electronic Filing in his/her designated e-mail account. The Notice will allow one free look at the document, and any attached .pdf may be printed or saved.

IMPORTANT:

Messages sent to Yahoo or AOL accounts are frequently found in the spam folder until the court is added to your address book.

E-mail address designated for noticing:

Participant signature: _____

Date: _____