

About These Forms

- 1. In General.** This and the other pleading forms available from the www.uscourts.gov website illustrate some types of information that are useful to have in complaints and some other pleadings. The forms do not try to cover every type of case. They are limited to types of cases often filed in federal courts by those who represent themselves or who may not have much experience in federal courts.
- 2. Not Legal Advice.** No form provides legal advice. No form substitutes for having or consulting a lawyer. If you are not a lawyer and are suing or have been sued, it is best to have or consult a lawyer if possible.
- 3. No Guarantee.** Following a form does not guarantee that any pleading is legally or factually correct or sufficient.
- 4. Variations Possible.** A form may call for more or less information than a particular court requires. The fact that a form asks for certain information does not mean that every court or a particular court requires it. And if the form does not ask for certain information, a particular court might still require it. Consult the rules and caselaw that govern in the court where you are filing the pleading.
- 5. Examples Only.** The forms do not try to address or cover all the different types of claims or defenses, or how specific facts might affect a particular claim or defense. Some of the forms, such as the form for a generic complaint, apply to different types of cases. Others apply only to specific types of cases. Be careful to use the form that fits your case and the type of pleading you want to file. Be careful to change the information the form asks for to fit the facts and circumstances of your case.
- 6. No Guidance on Timing or Parties.** The forms do not give any guidance on when certain kinds of pleadings or claims or defenses have to be raised, or who has to be sued. Some pleadings, claims, or defenses have to be raised at a certain point in the case or within a certain period of time. And there are limits on who can be named as a party in a case and when they have to be added. Lawyers and people representing themselves must know the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the caselaw setting out these and other requirements. The current Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are available, for free, at www.uscourts.gov.
- 7. Privacy Requirements.** Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2 addresses the privacy and security concerns over public access to electronic court files. Under this rule, papers filed with the court should not contain anyone's full social-security number or full birth date; the name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial-account number. A filing may include only the last four digits of a social-security number and taxpayer identification number; the year of someone's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial-account number.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

v.

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

Case No.

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Jury Trial: Yes No
(check one)

Complaint for a Civil Case

I. The Parties to This Complaint

A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
E-mail Address _____

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name _____
Job or Title
(if known) _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
E-mail Address
(if known) _____

Defendant No. 2

Name _____
Job or Title
(if known) _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
E-mail Address
(if known) _____

Defendant No. 3

Name _____
Job or Title _____
(if known)
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
E-mail Address _____
(if known)

Defendant No. 4

Name _____
Job or Title _____
(if known)
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
E-mail Address _____
(if known)

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only two types of cases can be heard in federal court: cases involving a federal question and cases involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, a case arising under the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties is a federal question case. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, a case in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation and the amount at stake is more than \$75,000 is a diversity of citizenship case. In a diversity of citizenship case, no defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any plaintiff.

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

- Federal question Diversity of citizenship

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

A. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is a Federal Question

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

B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is Diversity of Citizenship

1. The Plaintiff(s)

- a. If the plaintiff is an individual
The plaintiff, (*name*) _____,
is a citizen of the State of (*name*) _____.

- b. If the plaintiff is a corporation
The plaintiff, (*name*) _____,
is incorporated under the laws of the State of (*name*) _____,
and has its principal place of business in the
State of (*name*) _____.

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

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 at stake—is more than \$75,000, not counting interest and costs of court, because (*explain*):

III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

IV. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

V. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, 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 nonfrivolous 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) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

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 the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: _____, 20_____.

Signature of Plaintiff _____

Printed Name of Plaintiff _____

Additional Information:

CIVIL COVER SHEET

County in which action arose: _____

The JS 44 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, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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)

Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.](#)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692) <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS			
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

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 _____

PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 83.11

1. Is this a case that has been previously dismissed?

Yes

No

If yes, give the following information:

Court: _____

Case No.: _____

Judge: _____

2. Other than stated above, are there any pending or previously discontinued or dismissed companion cases in this or any other court, including state court? (Companion cases are matters in which it appears substantially similar evidence will be offered or the same or related parties are present and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence.)

Yes

No

If yes, give the following information:

Court: _____

Case No.: _____

Judge: _____

Notes :

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- 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 pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

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

**Civil Nature of Suit Code Descriptions
(Rev. 10/20)**

Contract

Code	Title	Description
110	Insurance	Action alleging breach of insurance contract, tort claim, or other cause related to an insurance contract, except for maritime insurance contracts.
120	Marine	Action (Admiralty or Maritime) based on service, employment, insurance or other contracts relating to maritime vessels and other maritime contractual matters.
130	Miller Act	Action based on performance and payment bonds agreed to by contractors on federal construction projects as required under the Miller Act, 40 U.S.C. § 3131-3134.
140	Negotiable Instrument	Action relating to an agreement to pay a specific amount of money, including promissory notes, loan agreements and checks.
150	Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement Judgment	Action to recover debt owed to the United States, including enforcement of judgments, based on overpayments and restitution agreements involving matters other than Medicare benefits, student loans and veterans' benefits.
151	Medicare	Action relating to Medicare payments, including actions for payments of benefits, to recover overpayments, and for judicial review of administrative decisions.
152	Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	Action to recover debt owed to the United States from defaulted student loan.
153	Recovery of Overpayment of Veterans' Benefits	Action relating to payments of veterans' benefits, primarily including actions to recover overpayments.
160	Stockholders' Suits	Action brought by stockholder(s) of a corporation (including both stockholder derivative suits and direct actions based on plaintiff's rights as a stockholder), usually alleging claims based on contract and/or tort law and/or fiduciary obligations.
190	Other Contract	Action primarily based on rights and obligations under a contract not classifiable elsewhere under the specific natures of suit under "Contract."
195	Contract Product Liability Actions primarily alleging personal injury or property damage caused by a defective product should be classified under the appropriate nature of suit code under "TORTS."	Action concerning damages caused by a defective product, not primarily involving personal injury or property damage, and based primarily on breach of contract, breach of warranty, misrepresentation, and/or violation of consumer protection laws.
196	Franchise	Action arising from a dispute over a franchise agreement, typically alleging breach of contract, misrepresentation or unfair trade practices.

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Real Property

Code	Title	Description
210	Land Condemnation	Action by a governmental entity to take privately-owned real property (land or buildings) for public use for compensation.
220	Foreclosure	Action to enjoin foreclosure on real property by mortgage lender.
230	Rent Lease & Ejectment	Action for rental or lease payments owed on real property and/or to eject a party occupying real property illegally.
240	Torts to Land	Action alleging trespass to land, nuisance, contamination or other unlawful entry on or interference with real property possessed by another.
245	Tort Product Liability	Action alleging harm by an unsafe product based on negligence, breach of warranty, misrepresentation, and strict tort liability.
290	All Other Real Property	Action primarily based on unlawful conduct relating to real property that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit.

Torts/Personal Injury

Code	Title	Description
310	Airplane (Excludes airplane product liability claims)	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death from an air crash or other occurrence involving an airplane.
315	Airplane Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or death from an air crash or other occurrence involving an airplane and caused by a defective product.
320	Assault, Libel & Slander (Excludes a government employee)	Action alleging intentional acts of assault, libel, trade libel or slander by a private party.
330	Federal Employers' Liability	Action for personal injury or wrongful death brought by a railroad employee or his survivors under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA), 45 U.S.C. § 51, et. seq.
340	Marine (Excludes marine product liability claims)	Action (Admiralty and Maritime) alleging personal injury or death from an accident involving a water vessel or harbor/dock facilities, including suits brought under the Jones Act and the Limitation of Liability Act.
345	Marine Product Liability	Action (Admiralty and Maritime) alleging personal injury or wrongful death from an accident involving a water vessel or harbor/dock facilities and caused by a defective product.
350	Motor Vehicle	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death from negligence involving a motor vehicle but not caused by a defective product.
355	Motor Vehicle Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death involving a motor vehicle and caused by a defective product.
360	Other Personal Injury	Action primarily based on personal injury or death caused by negligence or intentional misconduct, including suits brought against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act, and which cannot be classified under any other nature of suit.
362	Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	Action alleging personal injury or wrongful death caused by negligence in medical care provided by a doctor or other health care professional.
365	Personal Injury - Product Liability (Excludes a marine or airplane product)	Action alleging personal injury or death resulting from a defective product.
367	Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or death caused by a defective medical or pharmaceutical product.
368	Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	Action alleging personal injury or death caused by exposure to asbestos products.

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Personal Property

Code	Title	Description
370	Other Fraud (Excludes any property that is not real property)	Action primarily based on fraud relating to personal property that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit.
371	Truth in Lending Actions relating to fraud or misrepresentation in the transfer of real property should be classified under nature of suit 290, "All Other Real Property," or, if foreclosure is involved, under nature of suit 220, "Foreclosure."	Action alleging violation of the federal Truth in Lending Act arising from consumer loan transactions involving personal property including automobile loans and revolving credit accounts.
380	Other Personal Property Damage	Action primarily based on damage to personal property caused by harmful conduct such as negligence, misrepresentation, interference with business relationships or unfair trade practices.
385	Property Damage Product Liability	Action alleging damage to personal property caused by a defective product.

Civil Rights

Code	Title	Description
440	Other Civil Rights (Excludes claims against corrections officials)	Action alleging a civil rights violation other than the specific civil rights categories listed below or a violation related to prison. Example: Action alleging excessive force by police incident to an arrest.
441	Voting	Action filed under Civil Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10101, and Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301
442	Employment	Action filed under Age Discrimination in Employment Act 29:621:634, Equal Employment Opportunity Act (Title VII) 42:2000E, Performance Rating Act of 1950 5:4303
443	Housing/Accommodations	Action filed under the Fair Housing Act (Title VII), 42 U.S.C. § 3601 & 3602.
445	Americans With Disabilities - Employment	Action of discrimination against an employee with disabilities of any type in the work place, filed under 42 U.S.C. § 12117
446	Americans With Disabilities - Other	Action of discrimination against an individual with disabilities in areas other than employment, filed under 42 U.S.C. § 12133 (exclusion or discrimination in provision of services, programs or activities of a public entity) or 42 U.S.C. § 12188 (public accommodations)
448	Education	Action filed under the Individuals with Disabilities Educations Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1401 and Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.

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**Prisoner Petitions
Habeas Corpus**

Code	Title	Description
463	Alien Detainee	Immigration habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. All cases filed with this nature of suit code are restricted to case participants and public terminals. Petition is filed by an alien detainee.
510	Motions to Vacate Sentence	Action by a prisoner to vacate or modify a sentence imposed in federal court, other than a death sentence, under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.
530	General	Action by a federal or state prisoner currently in custody challenging the legality of confinement or other punishment. This includes claims alleging illegalities that occurred in trial (for example, ineffective assistance of counsel), sentencing (including fines and restitution orders), or disciplinary proceedings in prison (for example, loss of good time credits). Habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or prisoner habeas under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.
535	Death Penalty	Action by a federal or state prisoner challenging a death sentence.

**Other
Prisoner Petitions**

Code	Title	Description
540	Mandamus & Other	Action by prisoner currently in custody for a writ of mandamus to compel action by a judge or government official relating to the prisoner's confinement, including conditions of confinement. This category also includes any actions other than mandamus brought by a prisoner currently in custody, whether or not it relates to his confinement, if it is not classifiable under any other nature of suit category under Prisoner Petitions (for example, action by prisoner to recover property taken by the government in a criminal case).
550	Civil Rights	Action by current or former prisoner alleging a civil rights violation by corrections officials that is not related to a condition of prison life.
555	Prison Condition	Action by current prisoner, or former prisoner or their families alleging a civil rights, Federal Tort Claims Act, or state law claim with respect to a condition of prison life, whether general circumstances or particular episodes. Examples: inadequate medical care or excessive force by prison guards. Includes non-habeas actions by alien detainees alleging unlawful prison conditions.
560	Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement (Excludes actions by alien detainees)	Action by former prisoner who was involuntarily committed to a non-criminal facility after expiration of his or her prison term alleging unlawful conditions of confinement while in the non-criminal facility. This category includes, for example, an action by a former prisoner classified as a Sexually Dangerous Person or Sexually Violent Predator alleging civil rights violations during his detention in a medical facility.

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Forfeiture/Penalty

Code	Title	Description
625	Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 U.S.C. § 881	Action (Forfeiture) by which property itself is accused of wrongdoing and is forfeited to the government as a result.
690	Other	Action primarily based on Acts or Bills that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit, such as: Endangered Species Act, Federal Hazardous Substance Act 15:1261, Game & Wildlife Act 15:256C et seq. (Penalty), Federal Trade Commission Act 15:41-51 (Penalty), Federal Coal Mine Health & Safety Act 30:801 et seq. (Penalty), Load Line Act 46:85-85G, McGuire Bill (Federal Fair Trade) 15:45L Penalty, Marihuana Tax Act 50 STAT 551, Motorboat Act 46:526-526T, National Traffic & Motor Vehicle Safety Act penalty 49:1655, Veterans' Benefit Act, Title 38 Penalty.

Labor

Code	Title	Description
710	Fair Labor Standards Act (Non-Union)	Action relating to non-union workplace related disputes filed under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 including but not limited to wage discrimination, paid leave, minimum wage and overtime pay.
720	Labor/Management Relations (Union)	Action relating to disputes between labor unions and employers as well as all petitions regarding actions of the Nation Labor Relations Board (NLRB)
740	Railway Labor Act	Action relating to disputes filed under the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. § 151 including labor disputes, individual claims, and response to sanctions.
751	Family and Medical Leave Act	Action filed under the Family Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2601
790	Other Labor Litigation	Action primarily based on labor disputes not addressed by other NOS codes (includes Labor/Management Reporting and Disclosure Act)
791	Employee Retirement Income Security Act	Action filed under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1132 by individuals and labor organizations.

Immigration

Code	Title	Description
462	Naturalization Application	Action seeking review of denial of an application for naturalization [8 U.S.C. § 1447(b)] or alleging failure to make a determination regarding an application for naturalization [8 U.S.C. § 1421(c)].
465	Other Immigration Actions	Action (Immigration-related) that do not involve Naturalization Applications or petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus, such as complaints alleging failure to adjudicate an application to adjust immigration status to permanent resident.

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Bankruptcy

Code	Title	Description
422	Appeal 28 USC § 158	All appeals of previous bankruptcy decisions filed under 28 U.S.C. § 158
423	Withdrawal of Reference 28 USC § 157	Action held in bankruptcy court requesting withdrawal under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 157

Property Rights

Code	Title	Description
820	Copyright	Action filed in support or to dispute a copyright claim.
830	Patent	Action filed in support or to dispute a patent claim.
835	Patent – Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA)	Action filed in support or to dispute a patent claim involving an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA). These cases are also known as “Hatch-Waxman” cases.
840	Trademark	Action filed in support or to dispute a trademark claim
880	Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA)	Action filed in support or to dispute a trade secret misappropriation

Social Security

Code	Title	Description
861	HIA (1395ff)	Action filed with regard to social security benefits associated with Health Insurance Part A Medicare
862	Black Lung (923)	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided for those who contracted Black Lung or their beneficiaries
863	DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided to disabled individuals: worker or child, or widow
864	SSID Title XVI	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided to Supplemental Security Income Disability under Title XVI
865	RSI (405(g))	Action filed with regard to social security benefits provided for Retirement, Survivor Insurance under 42 U.S.C. § 405

Federal Tax Suits

Code	Title	Description
870	Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	Action filed under the Internal Revenue Code (General)
871	IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609	Action filed under the Internal Revenue Code - Tax Reform Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-455) Third Party

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Other Statutes

Code	Title	Description
375	False Claims Act	Action filed by private individuals alleging fraud against the U.S. Government under 31 U.S.C. § 3729.
376	Qui Tam (31 U.S.C. § 3729(a))	Action brought under the False Claims Act by private persons (also known as "whistleblowers") on their own behalf and on behalf of the United States to recover damages against another person or entity that acted fraudulently in receiving payments or property from, or avoiding debts owed to, the United States Government, 31 U.S.C. § 3730
400	State Reapportionment	Action filed under the Reapportionment Act of 1929 Ch. 28, 46 Stat. 21, 2 U.S.C. § 2a.
410	Antitrust	Action brought under the Clayton Act 15 U.S.C. § 12 - 27 alleging undue restriction of trade and commerce by designated methods that limit free competition in the market place amongst consumers such as anti-competitive price discrimination, corporate mergers, interlocking directorates or tying and exclusive dealing contracts.
430	Banks and Banking	Action filed under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act 12:1421-1449, Home Owners Loan Act 12:1461 or Federal Reserve Acts 12:142 et seq.
450	Commerce	Action filed under the Interstate Commerce Acts 49:1 et seq., 49:301
460	Deportation	Action filed under the Immigration Acts (Habeas Corpus & Review) 8:1101/18:1546
470	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, RICO 18:1961-1968
480	Consumer Credit	Action filed under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681n or 15 U.S.C. 1681o, and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692k
485	Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)	Action filed under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 U.S.C. § 227
490	Cable/Satellite TV	Action filed involving unauthorized reception of cable/satellite TV service under 47 U.S.C. § 553 (unauthorized reception of cable/satellite TV), or 47 U.S.C. § 605 (e)(3) (unauthorized use or publication of a communication)
850	Securities/Commodities/Exchange	Action filed under Small Business Investment Act 15:681, Securities Exchange Act 15:78, Securities Act 15:77, Investment Advisers Act 15:80B(1-21)
890	Other Statutory Actions	Action primarily based on Statutes that cannot be classified under any other nature of suit, such as: Foreign Agents Registration Act 22:611-621, Klamath Termination Act 25:564-564W-L, Federal Aid Highway Act 23:101-142, Federal Corrupt Practices Act 2:241-256, Federal Election Campaign Act, Highway Safety Act 23:401 Immigration & Nationality Act 8:1503, Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act 49:1671-1700, Naturalization Acts 8:1421/18:911, 1015, 1421, et seq., 3282 or Federal Aviation Act 49:1301 et seq.
891	Agricultural Acts	Action filed under the Federal Crop Insurance Act 7:1501-1550, Commodity Credit Corporation Act 15:713A-L & 4.
893	Environmental Matters	Action filed under Air Pollution Control Act 42:1857-57L, Clean Air Act 42:1857:57L, Federal Environment Pesticide Control Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide & Rodenticide Act 7:135, Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33:1151 et seq., Land & Water Conservation Fund Act 16:4602,460 1-4, Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Control Act 42:1857F-1-8,

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		National Environmental Policy Act 42:4321, 4331-35G, 4341-47, River & Harbor Act penalty 3:401-437, 1251.
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Code	Title	Description
895	Freedom of Information Act	Action filed under the Freedom of Information Act 5:552.
896	Arbitration	Action involving actions to confirm or modify arbitration awards filed under Title 9 of the U.S. Code.
899	Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision	Action filed under the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 701, or civil actions to review or appeal a federal agency decision.
950	Constitutionality of State Statutes	Action drawing into question the constitutionality of a federal or state statute filed under (Rule 5.1). Rule 5.1 implements 28 U.S.C. §2403.

Note: The statutes listed above are not all-inclusive, and other statutes might be applicable to each nature of suit. Statutes that are included in the descriptions should be viewed as examples.