## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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•	1) PLAINTIFFS DICIAL WATCH,			DEFENDANTS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY									
<b>(b)</b> (	COUNTY OF RESIDENC (EXC		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										
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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)					III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY!								
0	1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	O 3 Fee	deral Question  S. Government Not a Party)		en of this		PTF O 1	DFT O 1	Incorpora	ated or Principal Place	PTF O 4	O <sub>4</sub>	
0	2 U.S. Government Defendant		dicate Citizenship of	Citizen of And		other State	<b>O</b> 2	<b>O</b> 2	Incorpora	proparted and Principal Place Cusiness in Another State		O 5	
		Pa	rties in item III)	Citizen or Sub Foreign Count			<b>O</b> 3	<b>O</b> 3	Foreign N	Nation	<b>O</b> 6	<b>O</b> 6	
	IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one category, A-N, that best represents your Cause of Action and one in a corresponding Nature of Suit)												
0	A. Antitrust	Malpractice			O C. Administrative Agency Review					O D. Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction			
	410 Antitrust	310 Airplane 315 Airplane Product Liability			151 Medicare Act Social Security					Injunction  Any nature of suit fromany category may be selected for this category of case assignment.  *(If Antitrust, then A governs)*			
	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 Medical Malpractice 365 Product Liability 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability 368 Asbestos Product Liability			ers Liability		861 HI A (1395ff) 862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))							
				ty 864 SSID Title XVI  865 RSI (405(g))  Other Statutes					(11 randa and talen ra governs)				
					<b>89</b> :	891 Agricultural Acts 893 Environmental Matters							
				890 Other Statutory Actions (If Administrative Agency is									
				ility		Involved)	J						
0	E. General Civ	il (Other)	OR		0	F. Pro	Se Gen	eral C	ivil				
Rea	l Property		Bankruptcy			Federal Tax Suits 870 Taxes (US plaintiff or							
210 Land Condemnation 220 Foreclosure				422 Appeal 27 USC 158 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157			defendan		465 Other Immigration Actions 470 Racketeer Influenced				
F	230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment  240 Torts to Land Prisoner Petitions					871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609			& Corrupt Organization				
	245 Tort Product Liability 535 Death Penalty			_		Forfeiture/Penal <u>ty</u>			480 Consumer Credit 485 Telephone Consumer				
290 All Other Real Property 540 Mandamus & Ot			ther		625 Drug Related Seizure of			Protection Act (TCPA)  490 Cable/Satellite TV					
Personal Property 555 Prison Condition						Property 21 USC 881			850 Securities/Commodities/				
371 Truth in Lending			560 Civil Detainee – Conditions of Confinement			Other Statutes				Exchange  896 Arbitration			
	380 Other Personal Damage	Property	Property Rights			375 False Claims Act				899 Administrative Procedure			
385 Property Damage			820 Copyrights 830 Patent		376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))			Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision					
Product Liability			835 Patent – Abbrevi	New	400 State Reapportionment				950 Constitutionality of State				
			Drug Application  840 Trademark			430 Banks & Banking 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc				Statutes  890 Other Statutory Actions			
			880 Defend Trade Secrets Ac			460 Deportation 462 Naturalization				(if not administrative agency review or Privacy Act)			
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O G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255	O H. Employment Discrimination	O I. FOIA/PrivacyAct	O J. Student Loan							
530 Habeas Corpus – General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee	442 Civil Rights — Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)	895 Freedom of Information Act 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act)	152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)							
	*(If pro se, select this deck)*	*(If pro se, select this deck)*								
K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)  710 Fair Labor Standards Act 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 740 Labor Railway Act 751 Family and Medical Leave Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)  441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)  443 Housing/Accommodations  440 Other Civil Rights  445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment  446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other  448 Education	M. Contract  110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 50 Recovery of Overpayment Enforcement of Judgment 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholder's Suits 190 Other Contracts 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise	○ N. Three-Judge Court  441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act)							
V. ORIGIN										
O 1 Original O 2 Removed O 3 Remanded O 4 Reinstated O 5 Transferred O 6 Multi-district O 7 Appeal to Proceeding from State from Appellate or Reopened from another Litigation District Judge Litigation Court district (specify) from Mag. Direct File Judge										
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552; failure to produce records										
VII. REQUESTED IN CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ Check YES only if demanded in complaint YES NO X										
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instruction) YES NO If yes, please complete related case form  IF ANY										
DATE:10/4/2023	E: 10/4/2023 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s/ James F. Peterson									

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET 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 services 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. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil coversheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff ir resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed only if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.