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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS					DEFENDANTS							
U.S. Right to Know				U.S. Department of State								
(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				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								
(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)				ATT	ORNEYS (I	FKNOV	VN)					
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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!									
1 U.S. Government Plaintiff		deral Question S. Government Not a Party)	Citizen o	f this Sta		PTF O 1	DFT O 1		ated or Principal Place ess in This State	O_{2}^{PTF}	DFT O 4	
2 U.S. Government Defendant	(Ir	versity ndicate Citizenship of	Citizen o	f Anothe	er State	O 2	O 2	Incorpor	ated and Principal Pla ess in Another State	ce O 5	O ⁵	
	Pa	rties in item III)	Citizen or Su Foreign Cou			O 3	O 3	Foreign 1		O 6	O 6	
IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one category, A-N, that best represents your Cause of Action and <u>one</u> in a corresponding Nature of Suit)												
O A. Antitrust	О в. н	<u>ory, A-N, that best repres</u> Personal Injury/ Ialpractice		C. 2	<u>e oi Actio</u> Adminis Review				O D. Tempo	rary Res		
410 Antitrust	310 Ai 315 Ai 320 As 320 As 330 Fe 340 M 345 M 355 M 360 O 362 M 365 Pi 367 He	 151 Medicare Act <u>Social Security</u> 861 HIA (1395ff) 862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 864 SSID Title XVI 865 RSI (405(g)) 					Order/Preliminary Injunction Any nature of suit from any category may be selected for this category of case assignment. *(If Antitrust, then A governs)*					
O E. General Civ	il (Other)	OR		-	F. <i>Pro</i> .			Civil				
Real Property 210 Land Condemnation 220 Foreclosure 230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land 245 Tort Product Liability 290 All Other Real Property 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal Property Damage 385 Property Damage Product Liability		Bankruptcy 422 Appeal 27 USC 158 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 Prisoner Petitions 535 Death Penalty 540 Mandamus & Other 550 Civil Rights 555 Prison Conditions 560 Civil Detainee – Conditions of Confinement Property Rights 820 Copyrights 830 Patent 835 Patent – Abbreviated New Drug Application 840 Trademark 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA)			Federal Tax Suits 870 Taxes (US plaintiff or defendant) 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609 Forfeiture/Penalty 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 690 Other Other Statutes 375 False Claims Act 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) 400 State Reapportionment 430 Banks & Banking 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc 460 Deportation 462 Naturalization Annlication			26 USC izure of 2 881 t C	480 Consumer Credit 485 Telephone Consumer			
				of				Statutes 890 Other Statutory Actions (if not administrative agency review or Privacy Act)				

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 O G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255 ☐ 530 Habeas Corpus – General ☐ 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence ☐ 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee 	 H. Employment Discrimination 442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation) 	 I. FOIA/Privacy Act 895 Freedom of Information Act 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act) 	O J. Student Loan 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 150 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 Proceeding O 2 Removed from State Court O 3 Remanded from Appellate Court O 4 Reinstated or Reopened Court O 5 Transferred from another district (specify) O 6 Multi-district O 7 Appeal to District Judge O 8 Multi-district Litigation – Direct File									
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) 5 USC 552 et seq., failure to comply with Freedom of Information Act obligations.									
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ n/a JURY DEMAND: Check YES only if demanded in complaint YES Check YES only if demanded in complaint									
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instruction) YES NO If yes, please complete related case form IF ANY If yes, please complete related case form If yes, please complete related case form									
DATE:Nov. 14, 2023	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF REC	CORD /s/Matthew	D. Hardin						

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 cover sheet. 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 if 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 <u>only</u> 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.