

FORM 1.997. CIVIL COVER SHEET

The 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. This form shall be filed by the plaintiff or petitioner for the use of the Clerk of the Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075.

I. CASE STYLE

(Name of Court) _____

Plaintiff _____

Case#: _____

vs.

Judge: _____

Defendant _____

II. TYPE OF CASE

(If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive category.) If the most descriptive label is a subcategory (is indented under a broader category), place an "x" in both the main category and subcategory boxes.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Condominium<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts and indebtedness<input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain<input type="checkbox"/> Auto negligence<input type="checkbox"/> Negligence – other<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Business governance<input type="checkbox"/> Business torts<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort<input type="checkbox"/> Third party indemnification<input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect<input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort<input type="checkbox"/> Negligent security<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing home negligence<input type="checkbox"/> Premises liability – commercial<input type="checkbox"/> Premises liability – residential<input type="checkbox"/> Products liability<input type="checkbox"/> Real Property/Mortgage foreclosure<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial foreclosure \$0 - \$50,000<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial foreclosure \$50,001 - \$249,999<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial foreclosure \$250,000 or more<input type="checkbox"/> Homestead residential foreclosure \$0 – \$50,000<input type="checkbox"/> Homestead residential foreclosure \$50,001 - \$249,999<input type="checkbox"/> Homestead residential foreclosure \$250,000 or more<input type="checkbox"/> Non-homestead residential foreclosure \$0 - \$50,000<input type="checkbox"/> Non-homestead residential foreclosure \$50,001 - \$249,999<input type="checkbox"/> Non-homestead residential foreclosure \$250,00 or more<input type="checkbox"/> Other real property actions \$0 - \$50,000<input type="checkbox"/> Other real property actions \$50,001 - \$249,999<input type="checkbox"/> Other real property actions \$250,000 or more | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Professional malpractice<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice – business<input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice – medical<input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice – other professional<input type="checkbox"/> Other<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade Regulation<input type="checkbox"/> Business Transaction<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional challenge-statute or ordinance<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional challenge-proposed amendment<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Trusts<input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination-employment or other<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance claims<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property<input type="checkbox"/> Libel/Slander<input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder derivative action<input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation<input type="checkbox"/> Trade secrets<input type="checkbox"/> Trust litigation |
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- III. REMEDIES SOUGHT** (check all that apply):
- Monetary;
 - Non-monetary declaratory or injunctive relief;
 - Punitive

IV. NUMBER OF CAUSES OF ACTION: ()
(Specify)

- V. IS THIS CASE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT?**
- Yes
 - No

VI. HAS NOTICE OF ANY KNOWN RELATED CASE BEEN FILED?

- No
- Yes – If “yes” list all related cases by name, case number and court:

VII. IS JURY TRIAL DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT?

- Yes
 - No
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I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____
Attorney or Party

Fla. Bar # _____
(if attorney)

Type or print name

Date: _____

CIVIL COVER SHEET
BUSINESS COURT ADDENDUM
PARTY OR ATTORNEY FILING ACTION MUST SELECT WHICH APPLIES

Cases Subject to Business Court. The principles set out below shall guide the parties and the Court in the designation of cases for the Business Court. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any prior general Administrative Order or Court procedure, all jury, non-jury, injunction and class action cases shall be assigned to the Business Court if they are among the following types of actions. These actions may involve individuals named as parties, in addition to business enterprises, so long as the essential nature of the litigation is a business dispute. For example, a dispute over a commercial loan may include individual guarantors as either plaintiffs or defendants, as the case may be, but such a lawsuit would still be a business dispute:

- §§§A. Actions relating to the internal affairs or governance, dissolution or liquidation, rights or obligations between or among owners (shareholders, partners, members), or liability or indemnity of managers (officers, directors, managers, trustees or members or partners functioning as managers) of corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies or partnerships, professional associations, business trusts, joint ventures or other business enterprises;
- §§§B. Disputes between or among two or more business enterprises relating to transactions, business relationships or contracts between or among the business enterprises. Examples of such transactions, relationships and contracts include:
 - 1. Uniform Commercial Code transactions;
 - 2. Purchases or sales of businesses or the assets of businesses;
 - 3. Sales of goods or services by or to business enterprises;
 - 4. Non-consumer bank or brokerage accounts, including loan, deposit cash management and investment accounts;
 - 5. Surety bonds;
 - 6. Purchases or sales or leases of, or security interests in, commercial, real or personal property; and
 - 7. Franchisor/franchisee relationships.
- §§§C. Actions relating to trade secret or non-compete agreements;
- §§§D. "Business torts," such as claims of unfair competition, or interference with contractual relations or prospective contractual relations;
- §§§E. Actions relating to intellectual property disputes;
- §§§F. Actions relating to securities, or relating to or arising under the state securities laws or antitrust;
- §§§G. Shareholder derivative actions and class actions based on claims otherwise falling within these types, and consumer class actions other than personal injury and products liability claims;
- §§§H. Actions relating to corporate trust affairs;
- §§§I. Malpractice claims involving business enterprises and attorneys, accountants, actuaries, architects, or other professionals in connection with the rendering of professional services to the business enterprise;
- §§§J. Declaratory judgment actions brought by insurers, and coverage disputes and bad faith claims brought by insureds, where the dispute arises from a business or commercial insurance policy, such as a commercial general liability policy, and;
- §§§K. Third-party indemnification claims against insurance companies where the subject insurance policy is a business or commercial policy and where the underlying dispute would otherwise be assigned to the Business Court, not including claims where the underlying dispute is principally a personal injury claim.

NOTE: A copy of the Civil Cover Sheet and Addendum must be served with the Complaint for all Business Court cases. See Administrative Order No. 2003-17 for further Business Court requirements.

EXHIBIT "A"