

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 06-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 06-41**

**IN RE: ORDER REVISING CIVIL
COVER SHEET**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the creation of the Complex Business Litigation Section within the General Jurisdiction Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade County, the Civil Cover Sheet used when filing a cause of action needs to be revised to effectively reflect the creation of Complex Business Litigation Section; and

WHEREAS, the revised Civil Cover Sheet is designed to better process newly filed civil cases to its appropriate Division, including the Complex Business Litigation Section; and

WHEREAS, the revised Civil Cover Sheet shall be used to avoid technical delay, permit just and prompt processing of actions filed, and promote the efficient administration of justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.050, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Civil Cover Sheet shall be revised as follows:

1. The revised Civil Cover Sheet, reflecting the creation of the Complex Business Litigation Section, shall include an additional line and box where the party or attorney signing the Civil Cover Sheet must designate whether the action is appropriate for assignment to the Complex Business Litigation Section.

2. Such Civil Cover Sheet, a sample of which is attached to this Order as Attachment A, is hereby required to be filed with all initial filings that meet the Complex Business Litigation Section criteria as set forth in Administrative Order No. 06-40 and are filed on or after the effective date of this Order.

3. The filing party or attorney shall indicate on the Civil Cover Sheet the applicable type or types of action that qualify the case for assignment to the Complex Business Litigation Section.

4. A copy of the Civil Cover Sheet shall be served on all parties.

This Order shall take effect on January 8, 2007.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade, Florida, this _____ day of November, 2006.

**JOSEPH P. FARINA, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

ATTACHMENT A

<input type="checkbox"/> IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA <input type="checkbox"/> IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA		
DIVISION <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICTS <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	CIVIL COVER SHEET	CASE NUMBER
PLAINTIFF	VS. DEFENDANT	CLOCK IN
<p>The civil cover sheet and the information contained here does not replace the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required by the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statute 25.075. See instructions and definitions on reverse of this form.</p>		
TYPE OF CASE (Place an 'x' in one box only)		
Domestic Relations	Torts	Other Civil
<input type="checkbox"/> Simplified dissolution <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Support - IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> Support - Non IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA - IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA - Non IV-D <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Other domestic relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> Products liability <input type="checkbox"/> Auto negligence <input type="checkbox"/> Other negligence	<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium <input type="checkbox"/> Real property/Mortgage foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge to proposed Constitutional Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Is Jury Trial Demanded in Complaint ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		DATE:
COMPLEX BUSINESS COURT		
This action is appropriate for assignment to Complex Business Court as delineated in the attached addendum pursuant to Administrative Order. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Signature of Attorney for party initiating action:		
JUDGE:		

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET

I. **Class Style.** Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original complaint or petition, the name of the judge assigned (if applicable) and the name (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).

II. **Type of Case.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the cause fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive. Definitions of the cases are provided below.

- (A) **Simplified Dissolution of Marriage** - Petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Fla.C.Civ.P.1.1611(C).
- (B) **Dissolution of Marriage** - Petitions for the termination of marriage other than simplified dissolution.
- (C) **Support - IV-D** - all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act; except for such matters relating to dissolution of marriage petitions (F.S. 409.2564, 409.2571 and 490.2597), paternity, or UIFSA.
- (D) **Support - Non IV-D** - all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (E) **UIFSA - IV-D** - all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has not been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (F) **UIFSA - Non IV-D** - all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has not been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (G) **Domestic Violence** - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against domestic violence pursuant to F.S. 741.30.
- (F) **Domestic Relations** - all matters involving adoption, paternity, change of name, child custody, separate maintenance, annulment, or other matters not included in categories (A) through (G).
- (I) **Auto Negligence** - all matters arising out of a party's allegedly negligent operation of a motor vehicle.
- (J) **Professional Malpractice** - all professional malpractice lawsuits.
- (K) **Products Liability** - all matters involving injury to person or property allegedly resulting from the manufacture or sale of a defective product or from a failure to warn.
- (L) **Other Negligence** - all actions sounding in negligence, including statutory claims for relief on account of death or injury, not included in categories (I), (J), and (K).
- (M) **Condominium** - all civil lawsuits pursuant to Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, where a condominium association is a party in the lawsuit.
- (N) **Eminent Domain** - all matters relating to the taking of private property for public use, including inverse condemnation by state agencies, political subdivisions and public service corporations.
- (O) **Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure** - all matters relating to the possession, title and boundaries of real property. All matters involving foreclosures and sales, including foreclosures associated with condominium associations and condominium units.
- (P) **Contracts and Indebtedness** - all contract actions relating to promissory notes and other debts, including those arising from the sale of goods. Excludes contract disputes involving condominium associations.
- (Q) **Change to proposed constitutional amendment** - a challenge to a legislatively initiated proposed constitutional amendment. Excludes challenges to citizen-initiated proposed constitutional amendments, because the Florida Supreme Court has direct jurisdiction of such challenges.
- (R) **Other Civil** - all civil matters not included in categories (A) through (Q).

III. **Is Jury Trial Demanded in Complaint?** Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded in the complaint.

IV. **Complex Business Court** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not this case is to be assigned to the Complex Business Court.

DATE AND ATTORNEY SIGNATURE. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION DIVISION
CIVIL COVER SHEET ADDENDUM

Party or Attorney Filing Action Must Place an "X" in ONE of the Boxes Below

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY GREATER THAN \$75,000

- Breach of contract action, including a claim involving an employment agreement (except a claim primarily based upon allegations of discrimination) or a partnership, shareholder, joint venture or other business arrangement;
- An action asserting a business tort, such as a claim for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, misrepresentation, unfair competition and the like;
- An action based on a statutory or common law violation where the breach or violation is alleged to arise out of a business dealing;
- An action asserting a claim arising under the U.C.C. , including a claim involving the sale of goods or services by or to a business enterprise;
- An action involving the purchase, sale or restructuring of a business or the purchase or sale of the stock, assets or liabilities of a business;
- An action relating to a surety bond;
- An action arising from a franchisee/franchisor relationship and associated responsibilities;
- An insurance coverage dispute, bad faith suit, or third party indemnity action against an insurer arising under a policy issued to a business, such as a claim arising under a commercial general liability policy or commercial property policy;
- Any action under the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act (except proceedings supplementary in a case assigned to another Division);
- An action under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act;
- A construction defect case not primarily based upon a claim of personal injury;

ANY AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY

- An action relating to trade secrets or non-compete agreements;
- An action involving the dissolution of a business entity or an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- An action asserting an intellectual property claim;
- An action involving securities or asserting a claim under a state or other securities law;
- An action under a state or other antitrust law;
- A shareholder derivative action or other action relating to a director and officer liability or a corporate governance issue.