

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

In the Matter of:)	
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MODIFICATION OF)	Administrative Directive
CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM)	<u>No. 2015 - 20</u>
)	(Amending Administrative
)	Directive No. 2010-28)
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On July 27, 2010, Administrative Directive No. 2010-28 was issued, directing superior courts to utilize a revised version of the Civil Cover Sheet, which includes categories and subcategories for civil cases. Rule 8(h) (1) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure authorizes the Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to make necessary administrative amendments or corrections to the categories and subcategories associated with the Civil Cover Sheet.

At the request of the Superior Court Presiding Judges, the following subcategories will be removed from the civil cover sheet:

1. Sexually Violent Person (A.R.S. §36-3704) (Except Maricopa County)
2. Minor Abortion (See Juvenile in Maricopa County)
3. Restoration of Civil Rights (Federal)
4. Clearance of Records (A.R.S. §13-4051)

With the change above, in courts where these matters are filed civilly, the “Unclassified Civil” section should be selected by the filer using sub-category of “Other” and filling in the blank with the type of filing.

In addition, with the implementation of a pilot commercial court in the Superior Court in Maricopa County new language has been added to the Civil Cover Sheet, which allows the plaintiff to indicate a case is eligible for commercial court. Appendix A must be amended to provide for this selection, formatting changes and the elimination of the following language on the form:

“ RULE 8(i) COMPLEX LITIGATION DOES NOT APPLY. (mark appropriate box under **Nature of Action**)”

Therefore,

IT IS DIRECTED that all courts replace the Civil Cover Sheet with the version shown in Appendix A.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that, as a cost-saving measure, any court that has purchased printed copies of the previous version of the form may continue to use those forms in an effort to deplete its inventory; however, all courts must implement use of the amended form by January 1, 2016. The modifications made to the civil cover sheet do not apply to the electronically-collected data for e-filing in the Superior Court of Pima County.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2015.

David K. Byers
Administrative Director

APPENDIX A

**In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona
In and For the County of _____**

Case Number _____

CIVIL COVER SHEET- NEW FILING ONLY
(Please Type or Print)

Plaintiff's Attorney _____

Attorney Bar Number _____

Plaintiff's Name(s): (List all)

Plaintiff's Address:

(List additional plaintiffs on page two and/or attach a separate sheet).

Defendant's Name(s): (List All)

(List additional defendants on page two and/or attach a separate sheet)

EMERGENCY ORDER SOUGHT: Temporary Restraining Order Provisional Remedy
 OSC
 Election Challenge Employer Sanction Other

_____ (Specify)
 RULE 8(i) COMPLEX LITIGATION APPLIES. Rule 8(i) of the Rules of Civil Procedure defines a "Complex Case" as civil actions that require continuous judicial management. A typical case involves a large number of witnesses, a substantial amount of documentary evidence, and a large number of separately represented parties.
(Mark appropriate box on page two as to complexity, **in addition** to the Nature of Action case category).

THIS CASE IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMMERCIAL COURT UNDER RULE 8.1. Rule 8.1 defines a commercial case and establishes eligibility criteria for the commercial court. Generally, a commercial case primarily involves issues arising from a business contract or business transaction. However, consumer transactions are not eligible. A consumer transaction is one that is primarily for personal,

family or household purposes. Please review Rule 8.1 for a complete list of the criteria. See <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/commercial-court/>. You must check this box if this is an eligible commercial case. In addition, mark the appropriate box below in the "Nature of Action" case category. The words "commercial court assignment requested" must appear in the caption of the original complaint.

NATURE OF ACTION

(Place an "X" next to the **one** case category that most accurately describes your primary case.)

TORT MOTOR VEHICLE:

- Non-Death/Personal Injury
- Property Damage
- Wrongful Death

TORT NON-MOTOR VEHICLE:

- Negligence
- Product Liability – Asbestos
- Product Liability – Tobacco
- Product Liability – Toxic/Other
- Intentional Tort
- Property Damage
- Legal Malpractice
- Malpractice – Other professional
- Premises Liability
- Slander/Libel/Defamation
- Other (Specify) _____

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE:

- Physician M.D. Hospital
- Physician D.O Other

CONTRACTS:

- Account (Open or Stated)
- Promissory Note

CONTRACTS: (Continued)

- Foreclosure
- Buyer-Plaintiff
- Fraud
- Other Contract (i.e. Breach of Contract)
- Excess Proceeds-Sale
- Construction Defects (Residential/Commercial)
 - Six to Nineteen Structures
 - Twenty or More Structures

OTHER CIVIL CASE TYPES:

- Eminent Domain/Condemnation
- Eviction Actions (Forcible and Special Detainers)
- Change of Name
- Transcript of Judgment
- Foreign Judgment
- Quiet Title
- Forfeiture

- Election Challenge
- NCC- Employer Sanction Action (A.R.S. §23-212)
- Injunction against Workplace Harassment
- Injunction against Harassment
- Civil Penalty
- Water Rights (Not General Stream Adjudication)
- Real Property
- Special Action against Lower Courts
(See lower court appeal cover sheet in Maricopa)
- Immigration Enforcement Challenge (§§1-501, 1-502, 11-1051)

UNCLASSIFIED CIVIL:

- Administrative Review
(See lower court appeal cover sheet in Maricopa)
- Tax Appeal
(All other tax matters must be filed in the AZ Tax Court)
- Declaratory Judgment
- Habeas Corpus
- Landlord Tenant Dispute- Other
- Declaration of Factual Innocence (A.R.S. §12-771)
- Declaration of Factual Improper Party Status
- Vulnerable Adult (A.R.S. §46-451)
- Tribal Judgment
- Structured Settlement (A.R.S. §12-2901)
- Attorney Conservatorships (State Bar)
- Unauthorized Practice of Law (State Bar)
- Out-of-State Deposition for Foreign Jurisdiction
- Secure Attendance of Prisoner
- Assurance of Discontinuance
- In-State Deposition for Foreign Jurisdiction
- Eminent Domain– Light Rail Only
- Interpleader– Automobile Only
- Delayed Birth Certificate (A.R.S. §36-333.03)
- Employment Dispute- Discrimination
- Employment Dispute-Other
- Other _____

(Specify)

COMPLEXITY OF THE CASE

If you marked the box on page one indicating that Complex Litigation applies, place an "X" in the box of no less than one of the following:

- Antitrust/Trade Regulation
- Construction Defect with many parties or structures
- Mass Tort
- Securities Litigation with many parties
- Environmental Toxic Tort with many parties
- Class Action Claims
- Insurance Coverage Claims arising from the above-listed case types
- A Complex Case as defined by Rule 8(i) ARCP

Additional Plaintiff(s)

Additional Defendant(s)
