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believe otherwise. Rather, AL's outrageous claim is the culmination of a malicious on-line campaign by AL to discredit and damage Woods' reputation, a campaign which began as early as December 2014. Although AL's rantings against Woods began with childish name calling, it has clearly escalated beyond the protections of free speech, and AL must now be held to account for the millions in damages he has caused.

2. By this lawsuit, Woods intends to unmask and reveal AL for the liar he is and to recover in excess of \$10 million in damages caused by AL's outrageous conduct. For over forty-five years, Woods (68) has worked tirelessly to build a career and reputation as one of the most hard-working, prolific and recognizable actors of our time. He has also devoted significant time and money to numerous philanthropic causes. AL's reckless and malicious behavior, through the worldwide reach of the internet, has now jeopardized Woods' good name and reputation on an international scale. AL, and anyone else using social media to propagate lies and do harm, should take note. They are not impervious to the law.

## THE PARTIES

3. Plaintiff James Woods is a world-renowned, award-winning, actor that has appeared in over 130 films and television series including *The Onion Field, Once Upon a Time in America*, *Salvador, Casino, Nixon, Hercules, Shark*, and *White House Down*. He has twice been nominated for an Academy Award, has won three Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe Award. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Woods is involved with numerous philanthropic causes including, without limitation, the America Heart Association, the Los Angeles Shelter for LGBTQ Youth and the Rhode Island Foundation (where he set up a charitable fund in Honor of his late brother Michael J. Woods). In 1997, he was honored with the Silver Circle Award for his charity work with the Venice Family Clinic, a local organization dedicated to providing quality health care to people in need. He was also the recipient of an American Heart Association Award for its Stroke Awareness Campaign.

- 4. Woods is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the anonymous, fictitiously named John Doe a/k/a "Abe List" defendant ("John Doe" or "AL") is an individual and resident of the County of Los Angeles, State of California. In the unlikely event that AL is not a resident of Los Angeles County, AL has advanced his intentionally tortious, harmful and fraudulent schemes in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, where he has engaged in conduct to harm a California citizen.
- 5. Woods is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued herein as John Doe and Does 2 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Woods will amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of such fictitiously named Defendants when the same have been ascertained. Woods is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of the fictitiously named Defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences, acts and omissions alleged herein, and that Woods' damages have been, and will be, proximately caused by their conduct. Among other things, Does 2 through 10 may be held directly liable for the defamatory posting by AL by virtue of having knowingly assisted AL in the publication of the false and defamatory statement and/or having knowingly republished the false statement without having any reason to believe in its accuracy. For convenience, each allegation regarding AL shall apply to each of the Doe Defendants 2 through 10. AL and Doe Defendants 2 through 10 are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants," as the context so indicates.
- 6. Woods is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, employees, partners, joint venturers, co-conspirators, owners, principals, and/or employers of the remaining Defendants, and each of them, and are, and at all times herein mentioned were, acting within the course and scope of that agency, employment, partnership, conspiracy, ownership or joint venture. Woods is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the acts and conduct alleged herein were known to, authorized and/or ratified by the officers, directors, and managing agents of Defendants, and each of them.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Defamation Against All Defendants)

- 7. Woods repeats, re-alleges, adopts and incorporates each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 6, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 8. Woods' claims arise out of and are for damages with respect to a false and defamatory statement which was initially published on or about July 15, 2015 by an unidentified anonymous person who created and who operates a Twitter account under the name "Abe List" (the "AL Twitter Account"). The owner of the AL Twitter Account has *thousands* of followers and, since at least December 2014, has undertaken to engage his followers with a campaign of childish name-calling targeted against Woods. In the past, AL has referred to Woods with such derogatory terms as "prick," "joke," "ridiculous," "scum" and "clown-boy."
- 9. On July 15, 2015, and for the sole and intentional purpose of harming Woods, AL concocted and posted on the AL Twitter Account the outrageous, baseless, false and defamatory statement "cocaine addict James Woods still sniffing and spouting" (hereinafter, the "False Statement"). In doing so, AL intended to, and did, convey to thousands of AL's followers and others with access to the internet the false claim that Woods is addicted to cocaine, a controlled substance.
- 10. Woods is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, an unidentified person operates and utilizes the AL Twitter Account which is displayed at or with the uniform resource locator ("URL") < https://mobile.twitter.com/abelisted?p=s>, and which is continually maintained and is included in and appears prominently in current Google.com and other search engine results. Indeed, a search on Google.com for "Abe List James Woods" yields the outrageous statements from the AL Twitter Account as the top two results, including one that calls Woods "a ridiculous scum clown-boy."
- 11. AL published, and/or caused to be published or authorized to be published, the False Statement on the AL Twitter Account and in current (as of the date of this Complaint) Google.com search engine results, causing the False Statement to be viewed *thousands of times* and possibly even *hundreds of thousands* of times. AL posted the False Statement in response to a Twitter post by Woods.

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Thus, the False Statement has been seen not only by Defendants' thousands of followers, but possibly by Woods' 238, 512 followers on his Twitter account—and even more since it is accessible to anyone that does a Google search. In short, the False Statement has been published for *hundreds of thousands* of people to see, which includes friends, family, potential employers, business associates, colleagues, and fans of Woods.

- 12. The above-pled misconduct by AL constitutes the tort of defamation.
- 13. Woods is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants intentionally portrayed Woods in the above manner knowing that the depiction was false, without any reasonable grounds for believing it to be true.
- 14. Persons who read the False Statement posted to the AL Twitter Account by Defendants and with use of Woods' name as part of the False Statement, reasonably understood the references to "@RealJamesWoods" and "James Woods" to be references to the actor James Woods herein.
- 15. The AL Twitter Account contains the False Statement of the Defendants and contains a fabricated, false, malicious and defamatory statement of fact of and concerning Woods as alleged hereinabove.
- 16. The AL Twitter Account, which is based on and comprised of the False Statement from Defendants, is libelous on its face and is defamation per se, because it claims that Woods has engaged in criminal conduct. As such, the False Statement clearly exposes Woods to hatred, contempt, ridicule and obloquy, and/or causes Woods to be shunned or avoided, and has a tendency to injure him in his personal life and occupation.
- 17. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned acts by Defendants, and each of them, Defendants have caused harm to Woods, which includes, but is not limited to general and special damages in an amount not presently known but believed to be not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), including damage to Woods' reputation and standing in the community as a result of Defendants' actions.
  - 18. Woods is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that the aforementioned acts

of Defendants were done intentionally or with a conscious disregard of Woods' rights, and with the intent to vex, injure or annoy Woods, such as to constitute oppression, fraud, or malice thus entitling Woods to exemplary and punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish or set an example of Defendants, and each of them, and to deter such conduct in the future, which amount will be proved at trial.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Invasion of Privacy by False Light Against All Defendants)

- 19. Woods repeats, re-alleges, adopts and incorporates each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 18 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 20. The above-pled misconduct by Defendants, or any of them, constitutes the tort of invasion of privacy by false light, in that Defendants have placed Woods before the public in a false and outrageous light, which is highly offensive to Woods, and have thereby violated Woods' right of privacy.
- 21. As is alleged hereinabove, Defendants, and each of them, made and caused to be published the False Statement of and concerning Woods, and disseminated it to third parties around the world via the Internet. Defendants either knew that the False Statement was false, or published the False Statement with reckless disregard of the falsity of the False Statement and the false light that Woods would be placed as a result thereof. To the extent that the trier of fact finds that this False Statement is not defamatory, Woods is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that Defendants intended to depict Woods in a false, fictionalized and sensationalized light in order to benefit themselves through some cowardly form of revenge for having expressed his personal views and/or for the sole purpose of harming Woods.
- 22. The false light in which Defendants, and each of them, have placed Woods by virtue of the False Statement would be highly offensive to a reasonable person. By publishing and/or disseminating the False Statement on websites, including on the AL Twitter Account, and in internet search engine results published or displayed nationwide or worldwide, and by publishing the False

Statement in the manner and context in which it has been published, Defendants have outrageously and without any basis whatsoever falsely represented and implied that Woods is, among other false things, a "cocaine addict."

- Woods is embarrassed and distressed that family, friends, fans, potential employers, business associates and the general public, saw this False Statement in the manner and context in which the False Statement was published with the false representation and inference, which is alleged herein. In fact, Woods has *over 238,512 people* that follow his Twitter account, all of which had access to the False Statement.
- 24. As a direct and proximate result of said wrongful conduct by Defendants, and each of them, Woods suffered shame, mortification, hurt feelings, emotional distress, embarrassment, humiliation, and injury to his peace of mind (although not severe, disabling emotional distress), all to Woods' general damage in an amount not presently known but believed to be not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), including damage to Woods' reputation and standing in the community as a result of Defendants' actions. When Woods ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.
- 25. As a further direct and proximate result of said wrongful conduct by Defendants, and each of them, Woods has suffered general and special damages including, but not limited to, damage to his business, profession, reputation, character and property, which will most likely result in loss of employment, loss or reduction in earnings and profits in an amount which has yet to be ascertained, and will result in Woods not been given certain jobs. When Woods ascertains the exact amount of said damages, he will seek leave of Court to amend this Complaint to set forth said amount.
- 26. Woods is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, were done intentionally or with a conscious disregard of Woods' rights, and with the intent to vex, injure or annoy Woods, such as to constitute oppression, fraud, or malice, and that they had knowledge of, or acted in reckless disregard of the rights of Woods, and the false light in which Woods would be placed, thus entitling Woods to exemplary and punitive damages in

an amount appropriate to punish or set an example of Defendants, and each of them, and to deter such 1 2 conduct in the future, which amount will be proved at trial. 3 4 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 5 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Woods respectfully requests the following relief: 6 7 AS TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: 8 1. General and special damages against Defendants, and each of them, jointly and severally, 9 in an amount not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), or according to proof, together with 10 interest thereon at the legal rate; 2. 11 Exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish and deter Defendants, 12 the exact sum in an amount to be determined as appropriate to the Court; 13 14 **AS TO THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:** 15 3. General and special damages against Defendants, and each of them, jointly and severally, 16 in an amount not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), or according to proof, together with 17 interest thereon at the legal rate; 18 4. Exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish and deter Defendants, 19 the exact sum in an amount to be determined as appropriate to the Court; 20 21 **AS TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:** 22 17. For costs of the suit incurred; 23 18. For attorneys' fees, if allowed by law; 24 19. For pre-judgment interest on all such damages at the legal rate; and 25.0 20. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. 26 27 COMPLAINT 28;

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# **REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury in the above action.

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Auto (22)	Breach of contract/warranty (06)	(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403)			
Uninsured motorist (46)	Rule 3.740 collections (09)	Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)			
Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property	Other collections (09)	Construction defect (10)			
Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)			
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Product liability (24)	Real Property	Environmental/Toxic tort (30)			
Medical malpractice (45)	Eminent domain/Inverse	Insurance coverage claims arising from the			
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Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)			
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To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1. check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3,740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex. CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

#### **Auto Tort**

Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

# Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death)

Asbestos (04)

Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death

Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)

Medical Malpractice (45)

Medical Malpractice-

Physicians & Surgeons

Other Professional Health Care

Malpractice

Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD

(e.g., assault, vandalism)

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## Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business

Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination,

false arrest) (not civil

harassment) (08)

Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

**Employment** 

Wrongful Termination (36)

Other Employment (15)

#### Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease

Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)

Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller

Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open

book accounts) (09)

Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff

Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

#### Real Property

**Eminent Domain/Inverse** 

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)

Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or

foreclosure)

#### Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal

drugs, check this item; otherwise.

report as Commercial or Residential)

### **Judicial Review**

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor

Commissioner Appeals

#### Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Securities Litigation (28)

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex

case type listed above) (41)

#### **Enforcement of Judgment**

Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of

County)

Confession of Judgment (non-

domestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment

Case

#### Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

**RICO (27)** 

Other Complaint (not specified

above) (42)

**Declaratory Relief Only** 

Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment).

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Other Commercial Complaint

Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint

(non-tort/non-complex)

#### Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate

Governance (21)

Other Petition (not specified

above) (43)

Civil Harassment

Workplace Violence

Elder/Dependent Adult

Abuse

**Election Contest** 

Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief from Late

Claim

Other Civil Petition

# CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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JURY TRIAL? YES

CLASS ACTION? YES LIMITED CASE? YES TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL 5

HOURS/PDAYS

Item II. Indicate the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps - If you checked "Limited Case", skip to Item III, Pg. 4):

Step 1: After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column A, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.

Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column B below which best describes the nature of this case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.3.

## Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)

- Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district. May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage). Location where cause of action arose.
- Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.
- Location where performance required or defendant resides.

- Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.
- Location where petitioner resides. 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
  9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
  10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office

- 11. Mandatory Filing Location (Hub Case)

Step 4: Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto (22)	□ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
Uninsured Motorist (46)	☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
Asbestos (04)	□ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage □ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2. 2.
Product Liability (24)	☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
Medical Malpractice (45)	□ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons □ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<ul> <li>□ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)</li> <li>□ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)</li> <li>□ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress</li> <li>□ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death</li> </ul>	1., 4. 1., 4. 1., 3. 1., 4.

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Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

**Employment** 

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Business Tort (07)	☐ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1., 3.
Civil Rights (08)	□ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
Defamation (13)	☑ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1.23
Fraud (16)	☐ A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1., 2., 3.
	☐ A6017 Legal Malpractice	1., 2., 3.
Professional Negligence (25)	☐ A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3.
Other (35)	☐ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2.,3.
Wrongful Termination (36)	☐ A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
0.1. 5	☐ A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case	1., 2., 3.
Other Employment (15)	☐ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	10.
	☐ A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)	2., 5.
Breach of Contract/ Warranty	☐ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)	2., 5.
(06) (not insurance)	☐ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)	1., 2., 5.
	☐ A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	1., 2., 5.
Collections (09)	□ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff	2., 5., 6, 11
Concoloris (00)	☐ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5, 11
	☐ A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11
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•	☐ A6009 Contractual Fraud	1., 2., 3., 5.
Other Contract (37)	☐ A6031 Tortious Interference	1., 2., 3., 5.
	☐ A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1., 2., 3., 8.
Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	☐ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2.
Wrongful Eviction (33)	□ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
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Other Real Property (26)	☐ A6032 Quiet Title	2., 6.
	☐ A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	☐ A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2., 6.
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Petition re Arbitration (11)		Civil Case Cover Sheet	Type of Action	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
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Other Judicial Review (39)	æ	Petition re Arbitration (11)	☐ A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2., 5.
Other Judicial Review (39)	l Revi		☐ A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus	2., 8.
	<u>cia</u>	Writ of Mandate (02)	☐ A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter	2.
Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	Jud		□ A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2.
Construction Defect (10)		Other Judicial Review (39)	□ A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2., 8.
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	tigatic	Construction Defect (10)	□ A6007 Construction Defect	1., 2., 3.
	plex Lit		☐ A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1., 2., 8.
	y Con	Securities Litigation (28)	□ A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1., 2., 8.
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State   Partnership Corporation Governance (21)   A6121   Civil Harassment   A6121   Civil Harassment   A6123   Workplace Harassment   A6124   Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case   A6125   A6126   A6126   A6126   A6127   A6126   A6127   A6127   A6127   A6127   A6128   A6			□ A6141 Sister State Judgment	2., 9.
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**Item III.** Statement of Location: Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., **Step 3** on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

REASON: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case.

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CITY:

Los Angeles

STATE: ZIP CODE:

Los Angeles

CA 90046

Item IV. Declaration of Assignment: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true

and correct and that the above-entitled matter is properly filed for assignment to the Stanley Mosk courthouse in the Central Judicial District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., § 392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.3, subd.(a).

Dated: 7/29/2015

(SIGNATURE OF A TORNEY/FILING PARTY)

# PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
- 4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/15).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
- A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
- Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.