	Case 3:18-cv-01037-JM-JMA Document	1 Filed 05/24/18 PageID.1 Page 1 of 11								
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Todd M. Friedman (SBN 216752) Adrian R. Bacon (SBN 280332) Meghan E. George (SBN 274525) Thomas E. Wheeler (SBN 308789) LAW OFFICES OF TODD M. FRIEDMAN, H 21550 Oxnard Street, Suite 780 Woodland Hills, CA 91367 Phone: 877-206-4741 Fax: 866-633-0228 tfriedman@toddflaw.com abacon@toddflaw.com mgeorge@toddflaw.com twheeler@toddflaw.com	2.C.								
1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA									
13	CAMERON ECKSTEIN, individually) Case No. '18CV1037 JM JMA								
14	and on behalf of all others similarly situated,) CLASS ACTION								
15) <u>CLASS ACTION</u>)								
16	Plaintiff,) COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS) OF:								
17	vs.)								
18	GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT	1. NEGLIGENT VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE								
19	INSURANCE COMPANY, and DOES	CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 47 U.S.C. §227(b)								
20	1 through 10, inclusive, and each of) 2. WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE								
21	them,	CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 47 U.S.C. §227(b)								
22	Defendants.	3. NEGLIGENT VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE								
23) CONSUMER PROTECTION) ACT, 47 U.S.C. §227(c)								
24		4. WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE								
25) CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 47 U.S.C. §227(c)								
26 27		DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL								
27 28										
20	´									
		N COMPLAINT 1-								

Plaintiff CAMERON ECKSTEIN ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, alleges the following upon information and belief based upon personal knowledge:

NATURE OF THE CASE

1. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated seeking damages and any other available legal or equitable remedies resulting from the illegal actions of GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY ("Defendant") in negligently, knowingly, and/or willfully contacting Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, *47*. *U.S.C. § 227 et seq.* ("TCPA"), thereby invading Plaintiff's privacy.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

2. Jurisdiction is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because Plaintiff alleges violations of federal law, in particular the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

3. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Central District of California pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1391(b) and 18 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because Defendant does business within the State of California and the calls at issue were transmitted within the County of San Diego.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff, Cameron Eckstein ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in San Diego, California and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153 (39).

5. Defendant, GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY is a telemarketer who sells life and accident insurance policies, and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153 (39).

6. The above named Defendant, and its subsidiaries and agents, are
collectively referred to as "Defendants." The true names and capacities of the
Defendants sued herein as DOE DEFENDANTS 1 through 10, inclusive, are

currently unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sues such Defendants by fictitious names. Each of the Defendants designated herein as a DOE is legally responsible for the unlawful acts alleged herein. Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend the Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of the DOE Defendants when such identities become known.

7. Plaintiff is informed and believes that at all relevant times, each and every Defendant was acting as an agent and/or employee of each of the other Defendants and was acting within the course and scope of said agency and/or employment with the full knowledge and consent of each of the other Defendants. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the acts and/or omissions complained of herein was made known to, and ratified by, each of the other Defendants.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

8. Beginning in or around January 11, 2018, Defendants contacted Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone numbers ending in -6081, in an attempt to solicit Plaintiff to purchase Defendants' services.

9. When Plaintiff picked up a call from Defendants, he heard a robotic or artificial voice.

10. Defendants used an "automatic telephone dialing system", as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(1) to place its call to Plaintiff seeking to solicit its services.

11. Defendants contacted or attempted to contact Plaintiff from telephone number (469) 617-4400.

12. Additionally, Plaintiff's telephone number ending in -6081 has been registered on the National Do-Not-Call List since 2014.

13. Despite this, Defendants continued to call Plaintiff in an attempt to solicit its services and in violation of the Do-Not-Call provisions of the TCPA thus repeatedly violating Plaintiff's privacy.

2714. Defendants' calls constituted calls that were not for emergency28purposes as defined by $47 U.S.C. \ (227(b)(1)(A)).$

-3-

Case 3:18-cv-01037-JM-JMA Document 1 Filed 05/24/18 PageID.4 Page 4 of 11

15. Defendants' calls were placed to telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs a charge for incoming calls pursuant to $47 U.S.C. \ (227(b)(1))$.

16. During all relevant times, Defendants did not possess Plaintiff's "prior express consent" to receive calls using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice on his cellular telephone pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).

17. Additionally, based off the pattern and content of the calls, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants did not have in place procedures for not calling individuals on the national do-not-call registry for telemarketing purposes in violation of 47 $U.S.C. \$ 227(c), which incorporates the provisions of 47 C.F.R. 64.1200(d).

18. Through this action, Plaintiff suffered an invasion of a legally protected interest in privacy, which is specifically addressed and protected by the TCPA.

19. Defendants' calls forced Plaintiff and class members to live without the utility of their cellular phones by forcing Plaintiff and class members to silence their cellular phones and/or block incoming numbers.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

20. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, as a member of the proposed class (hereafter "The Class") defined as follows:

All persons within the United States who received any solicitation/telemarketing telephone calls from Defendants to said person's cellular telephone made through the use of any automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice and such person had not previously consented to receiving such calls within the four years prior to the filing of this Complaint

1

21. Plaintiff represents, and is a member of, The Class, consisting of All persons within the United States who received any collection telephone calls from Defendants to said person's cellular telephone made through the use of any automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice and such person had not previously not provided their cellular telephone number to Defendants within the four years prior to the filing of this Complaint.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

22. Defendants, their employees and agents are excluded from The Class. Plaintiff does not know the number of members in The Class, but believes the Class members number in the thousands, if not more. Thus, this matter should be certified as a Class Action to assist in the expeditious litigation of the matter.

23. Additionally, Plaintiff represents, and is a member of, the Do-Not-Call Class ("the DNC Class, and together with The Class, "The Classes"), consisting of:

All persons within the United States whose telephone numbers were listed on the National Do-Not-Call Registry, but who received calls by or on behalf of Defendants for the purpose of promoting the sale of Defendants' products or services within the four years prior to the filing of this Complaint

24. The Classes are so numerous that the individual joinder of all of its members is impractical. While the exact number and identities of The Classes members are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that The Classes includes thousands of members. Plaintiff alleges that The Classes members may be ascertained by the records maintained by Defendants.

24 25. Plaintiff and members of The Classes were harmed by the acts of
25 Defendants in at least the following ways: Defendants, either directly or through
26 its agents, illegally contacted Plaintiff and Classes members via their cellular
27 telephones thereby causing Plaintiff and Classes members to incur certain charges
28 or reduced telephone time for which Plaintiff and Classes members had previously

paid by having to retrieve or administer messages left by Defendants during those illegal calls, and invading the privacy of said Plaintiff and Classes members.

26. Common questions of fact and law exist as to all members of The Classes which predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of The Classes. These common legal and factual questions, which do not vary between Classes members, and which may be determined without reference to the individual circumstances of any Classes members, include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Whether, within the four years prior to the filing of this Complaint, Defendants made any telemarketing/solicitation call (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) to a Class member using any automatic telephone dialing system or any artificial or prerecorded voice to any telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone service;

 b. Whether Defendants failed to maintain adequate procedures to comply with the National Do-Not-Call Registry and placed calls to individuals registered on the National Do-Not-Call Registry for whom they had no prior business relationship;

c. Whether Plaintiff and the Classes members were damaged thereby, and the extent of damages for such violation; and

d. Whether Defendants should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the future.

27. As a person that received numerous telemarketing/solicitation calls from Defendants using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice, without Plaintiff's prior express consent, and in violation of the Do-Not-Call Provisions of the TCPA, Plaintiff is asserting claims that are typical of The Classes.

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

28. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of The Classes. Plaintiff has retained attorneys experienced in the prosecution of class actions.

29. A class action is superior to other available methods of fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since individual litigation of the claims of all Classes members is impracticable. Even if every Classes member could afford individual litigation, the court system could not. It would be unduly burdensome to the courts in which individual litigation of numerous issues would proceed. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for varying, inconsistent, or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system resulting from multiple trials of the same complex factual issues. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and of the court system, and protects the rights of each Classes member.

30. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Classes members would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them that would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other Classes members not parties to such adjudications or that would substantially impair or impede the ability of such non-party Classes members to protect their interests.

31. Defendants have acted or refused to act in respects generally applicable to The Classes, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with regard to the members of the Classes as a whole.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligent Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 U.S.C. §227(b)

Individually and on behalf of the Class

32. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-31.

33. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitute numerous and multiple negligent violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above cited provisions of $47 U.S.C. \$ 227(b).

34. As a result of Defendants' negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b), Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).

35. Plaintiff and the Class members are also entitled to and seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Knowing and/or Willful Violations of the Telephone Consumer

Protection Act

47 U.S.C. §227 et seq.

Individually and on behalf of the Class

36. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-31.

37. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b).

38. As a result of Defendants' knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b), Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

39. Plaintiff and the Class members are also entitled to and seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

25 ///

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

26 ///

27 ///

28 ///

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligent Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 U.S.C. §227(c)

Individually and on behalf of the DNC Class

40. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-31.

41. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitute numerous and multiple negligent violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above cited provisions of $47 U.S.C. \$ 227(c).

42. As a result of Defendants' negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c), Plaintiff and the DNC Class Members are entitled an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

43. Plaintiff and the DNC Class members are also entitled to and seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Knowing and/or Willful Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act

47 U.S.C. §227(c)

Individually and on behalf of the DNC Class

44. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-31.

45. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c).

46. As a result of Defendants' knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c), Plaintiff and the DNC Class members are entitled an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

47. Plaintiff and the DNC Class members are also entitled to and seek 1 injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future. 2 3 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF** WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests judgment against Defendants for the following: 4 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION 5 **Negligent Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act** 6 47 U.S.C. §227(b) 7 • As a result of Defendants' negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. 8 \$227(b)(1), Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled to and 9 request \$500 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, 10 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 227(b)(3)(B). 11 • Any and all other relief that the Court deems just and proper. 12 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION** 13 **Knowing and/or Willful Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection** 14 Act 15 47 U.S.C. §227(b) 16 • As a result of Defendants' willful and/or knowing violations of 47 17 U.S.C. (227(b)(1)), Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled to 18 and request treble damages, as provided by statute, up to \$1,500, for 19 each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. \$227(b)(3)(B) and 4720 $U.S.C. \ \S{227}(b)(3)(C).$ 21 • Any and all other relief that the Court deems just and proper. 22 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION** 23 **Negligent Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act** 24 47 U.S.C. §227(c) 25 • As a result of Defendants' negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. 26 \$227(c)(1), Plaintiff and the DNC Class members are entitled to and 27 request \$500 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, 28

	Case 3:18-cv-01037-JM-JMA Document 1 Filed 05/24/18 PageID.11 Page 11 of 11									
1	pursuant to $47 U.S.C. 227(c)(5)$.									
2	 Any and all other relief that the Court deems just and proper. 									
3	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION									
4	Knowing and/or Willful Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection									
5	Act									
6	47 U.S.C. §227(c)									
7	• As a result of Defendants' willful and/or knowing violations of 47									
8	U.S.C. $\$227(c)(1)$, Plaintiff and the DNC Class members are entitled									
9	to and request treble damages, as provided by statute, up to \$1,500,									
10	for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. $\$227(c)(5)$.									
11	• Any and all other relief that the Court deems just and proper.									
12										
13	48. Pursuant to the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United									
14	States of America, Plaintiff is entitled to, and demands, a trial by jury.									
15										
16	Respectfully Submitted this 24th Day of May, 2018.									
17	LAW OFFICES OF TODD M. FRIEDMAN, P.C.									
18	By: /s/ Todd M. Friedman									
19	Todd M. Friedman									
20	Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman Attorney for Plaintiff									
21 22										
22										
23										
25										
26										
27										
28										
	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT									
	-11-									

JS 44 (Rev. 06/17) Case 3:18-cv-01037-JM-JMA Decument 1 Siled 05/24/18 PageID.12 Page 1 of 2

The JS 44 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, 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. *(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)*

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS		DEFENDANTS GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, and DOES							
CAMERON ECKSTEIN, i situated,	ndividually and on be	nilarly	1 through 10, inclusive, and each of them,						
(b) County of Residence o	f First Listed Plaintiff		County of Residence of First Listed Defendant						
$(E\lambda$	CEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CA	ASES)		<i>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</i> NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF					
					OF LAND IN				
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, A Law Offices of Todd M. F	riedman, P.C.		Attorneys (If Known)						
21550 Oxnard St., #780, (866) 206-4741	1780				'18CV1	037 JM	JMA	_	
II. BASIS OF JURISDI	CTION (Place an "X" in C	One Box Only)		TIZENSHIP OF P	RINCIPA	L PARTIES			
□ 1 U.S. Government	✗ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)			(For Diversity Cases Only) P	TF DEF		and One Box	for Defenda PTF	unt) DEF
Plaintiff			Citiz	Citizen of This State 1 1 1 Incorporated <i>or</i> Principal Place of Business In This State 4 1 4					
2 U.S. Government Defendant	I 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)		Citiz	en of Another State	2 🗆 2	Incorporated and I of Business In A		□ 5	X 5
		Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country							
IV. NATURE OF SUIT		nly) DRTS	F	DRFEITURE/PENALTY		here for: <u>Nature</u>		Description R STATUT	
 110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 151 Medicare Act 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans 	 PERSONAL INJURY □ 310 Airplane □ 315 Airplane Product Liability □ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander □ 330 Federal Employers' Liability □ 340 Marine 	 PERSONAL INJUR 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability 368 Asbestos Personai Injury Product 	□ 69	25 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 00 Other	 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS 820 Copyrights 830 Patent 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY 861 HIA (1395ff) 862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 864 SSID Title XVI 865 RSI (405(g)) 		 375 False Claims Act 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) 400 State Reapportionment 410 Antitrust 430 Banks and Banking 450 Commerce 460 Deportation 470 Racketeer Influenced and 		
 Student Doans (Excludes Veterans) 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholders' Suits 190 Other Contract 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise 	 345 Marine Product Liability 350 Motor Vehicle 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability 360 Other Personal Injury 362 Personal Injury - 	 Injury Holdet Liability PERSONAL PROPERT 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal Property Damage 385 Property Damage Product Liability 	071 72 74	LABOR 0 Fair Labor Standards Act 20 Labor/Management Relations 40 Railway Labor Act 41 Family and Medical			Corrupt Organizations Corrupt Organizations 480 Consumer Credit 490 Cable/Sat TV 850 Securities/Commodities/		
REAL PROPERTY	Medical Malpractice CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIO	NS 🗆 79	Leave Act 00 Other Labor Litigation	FEDERA	AL TAX SUITS	B 895 Freedo Act	om of Inform	nation
 210 Land Condemnation 220 Foreclosure 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land 245 Tort Product Liability 290 All Other Real Property 	 ↓440 Other Civil Rights ↓441 Voting ↓442 Employment ↓442 Employment ↓443 Housing/ Accommodations ↓445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment ↓446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other ↓448 Education ↓448 Ed		□ 79 e □ 40	I Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION Z Naturalization Application S Other Immigration Actions	 R70 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) R71 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609 		 896 Arbitration 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes 		
V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in		Confinement							
X 1 Original □ 2 Ren	noved from \Box 3 te Court	Remanded from Appellate Court	⊐ 4 Rein Reoj	stated or D 5 Transfe pened Anothe (specify)	er District	☐ 6 Multidistr Litigation Transfer		8 Multidis Litigatio Direct Fi	n -
VI. CAUSE OF ACTIO	N 47 U.S.C. 227 Brief description of c			Do not cite jurisdictional stat				Direct I	
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:				DEMAND \$CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:5,000,000.00JURY DEMAND: XYes					nt:
VIII. RELATED CASE IF ANY	E(S) (See instructions):	JUDGE		DOCKET NUMBER					
DATE		SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD							
05/24/2018 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		s/Todd M. Frie	dman						
	10UNT	APPLYING IFP		JUDGE		MAG. JUI	DGE		

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM 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 service of pleading 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. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)

- **III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- **IV.** Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: <u>Nature of Suit Code Descriptions</u>.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.

Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

ClassAction.org

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>Globe Life and Accident Insurance Co. Hit with Class Action Over Suspected Robocalls</u>