

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

NICOLE SHETLER, individually and on behalf  
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERCO, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No.

**NATIONWIDE CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Nicole Shetler, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated and alleges as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiff Nicole Shetler (“Plaintiff”) brings this action individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated against Amerco, Inc. (“Defendant”), alleging violations of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (the “ADA”), and its implementing regulations, in connection with accessibility barriers in the parking lots and paths of travel at various public accommodations operated, owned and/or controlled by Defendant (“Defendant’s facilities”).

2. Plaintiff has a mobility disability and is limited in the major life activity of walking, which has caused her to be dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility at times.

3. Plaintiff has visited Defendant’s facilities and was denied full and equal access as a result of Defendant’s inaccessible parking lots and paths of travel.

4. Plaintiff's experiences are not isolated—Defendant has systematically discriminated against individuals with mobility disabilities by implementing policies and practices that consistently violate the ADA's accessibility guidelines and routinely result in access barriers at Defendant's facilities.

5. In fact, numerous facilities operated, owned and/or controlled by Defendant have parking lots and paths of travel that are inaccessible to individuals who rely on wheelchairs for mobility, demonstrating that the centralized decision making Defendant employs with regard to the operation of its facilities causes access barriers, and/or allows them to develop and persist at Defendant's facilities.

6. Unless Defendant is required to remove the access barriers described below, and required to change its policies and practices so that access barriers do not reoccur at Defendant's facilities, Plaintiff and the proposed Class will continue to be denied full and equal access to those facilities as described, and will be deterred from fully using Defendant's facilities.

7. The ADA expressly contemplates injunctive relief aimed at modification of a policy or practice that Plaintiff seeks in this action. In relevant part, the ADA states:

[i]n the case of violations of...this title, injunctive relief shall include an order to alter facilities to make such facilities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities....Where appropriate, injunctive relief shall also include requiring the... modification of a policy....

42 U.S.C. § 12188(a)(2).

8. Consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a)(2), Plaintiff seeks a permanent injunction requiring that:

- a) Defendant remediate all parking and path of travel access barriers at Defendant's facilities, consistent with the ADA;
- b) Defendant change its policies and practices so that the parking and path of travel access barriers at Defendant's facilities do not reoccur; and,

- c) Plaintiff's representatives shall monitor Defendant's facilities to ensure that the injunctive relief ordered pursuant to Paragraph 8(a) and 8(b) has been implemented and will remain in place.

9. Plaintiff's claims for permanent injunctive relief are asserted as class claims pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2). Rule 23(b)(2) was specifically intended to be utilized in civil rights cases where the plaintiff seeks injunctive relief for his or her own benefit and the benefit of a class of similarly situated individuals. To that end, the note to the 1996 amendment to Rule 23 states:

Subdivision(b)(2). This subdivision is intended to reach situations where a party has taken action or refused to take action with respect to a class, and final relief of an injunctive nature or a corresponding declaratory nature, settling the legality of the behavior with respect to the class as a whole, is appropriate....Illustrative are various actions in the civil rights field where a party is charged with discriminating unlawfully against a class, usually one whose members are incapable of specific enumeration.

### **THE ADA AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS**

10. The ADA was enacted over a quarter century ago and is intended to "provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities." 42 U.S.C. § 12101(b)(1).

11. The ADA broadly protects the rights of individuals with disabilities in employment, access to State and local government services, places of public accommodation, transportation, and other important areas of American life.

12. Title III of the ADA generally prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in the full and equal enjoyment of public accommodations, 42 U.S.C. § 12182(a), and prohibits places of public accommodation, either directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, from outright denying individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in a place of public accommodation, 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(1)(A)(i), or denying individuals with

disabilities the opportunity to fully and equally participate in a place of public accommodation, 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(1)(A)(ii).

13. Title III further prohibits places of public accommodation from utilizing methods of administration that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of a disability. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(1)(D).

14. Title III and its implementing regulations define discrimination to include the following:

- a) Failure to remove architectural barriers when such removal is readily achievable for places of public accommodation that existed prior to January 26, 1992, 28 C.F.R. § 36.304(a) and 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv);
- b) Failure to design and construct places of public accommodation for first occupancy after January 26, 1993, that are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, 28 C.F.R. § 36.401 and 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(1);
- c) For alterations to public accommodations made after January 26, 1992, failure to make alterations so that the altered portions of the public accommodation are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, 28 C.F.R. § 36.402 and 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(2); and
- d) Failure to maintain those features of public accommodations that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, 28 C.F.R. § 36.211.

15. The remedies and procedures set forth at 42 U.S.C. § 2000a-3(a) are provided to any person who is being subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability or who has reasonable grounds for believing that such person is about to be subjected to discrimination in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 12183. 42 U.S.C. 12188(a)(1).

16. The ADA also provides for specific injunctive relief, which includes the following:

In the case of violations of sections 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and section 12183(a) of this title, injunctive relief shall include an order to alter facilities to make such facilities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities to the extent required by this subchapter. Where appropriate, injunctive relief shall also include...modification of a policy...to the extent required by this subchapter.

42 U.S.C. § 12188(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 36.501(b).

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

17. This Court has federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 42 U.S.C. § 12188.

18. Plaintiff's claims asserted herein arose in this judicial district and Defendant does substantial business in this judicial district.

19. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the events and/or omissions at issue occurred.

### **PARTIES**

20. Plaintiff is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a resident of Pennsylvania who resides within this District. As described above, as a result of her disability, Plaintiff relies upon a wheelchair for mobility at times. She is therefore a member of a protected class under the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12102(2), and the regulations implementing the ADA set forth at 28 C.F.R. §§ 36.101 *et seq.*

21. Defendant is a corporation organized under Nevada law and is headquartered at 5555 Kietzke Lane, Suite 100, Reno, Nevada 89511.

22. Defendant is a public accommodation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12181(7).

### **FACTUAL ASSERTIONS**

#### **I. Plaintiff Has Been Denied Full and Equal Access to Defendant's Facilities.**

23. Plaintiff has visited Defendant's facilities located at 1052 Washington Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA, where she experienced unnecessary difficulty and risk due to excessive slopes in a purportedly accessible parking space and other ADA accessibility violations as set forth in more detail below.

24. Despite this difficulty and risk, Plaintiff plans to return to Defendant's facilities, as she lives near and visits Defendant's facilities for goods and services. Specifically, Plaintiff visits Defendant's facilities in order to purchase boxes and other supplies for moving and storage. Furthermore, Plaintiff intends to return to Defendant's facilities to ascertain whether those facilities remain in violation of the ADA.

25. As a result of Defendant's non-compliance with the ADA, Plaintiff's ability to access and safely use Defendant's facilities has been significantly impeded.

26. Plaintiff will be deterred from returning to and fully and safely accessing Defendant's facilities, however, so long as Defendant's facilities remain non-compliant, and so long as Defendant continues to employ the same policies and practices that have led, and in the future will lead, to inaccessibility at Defendant's facilities.

27. Without injunctive relief, Plaintiff will continue to be unable to fully and safely access Defendant's facilities in violation of her rights under the ADA.

28. As an individual with a mobility disability who is dependent upon a wheelchair, Plaintiff is directly interested in whether public accommodations, like Defendants' facilities, have architectural barriers that impede full accessibility to those accommodations by individuals with mobility-related disabilities.

## **II. Defendant's Facilities are Public Accommodations Operated by Defendant**

29. Defendant is engaged in the operation, management and development of self-storage properties throughout the United States.

30. In Defendant's 2018 annual report, it describes its business as follows: "We rent our distinctive orange and white U-Haul® trucks and trailers as well as offer self-storage rooms through a network of 1,790 Company-operated retail moving stores and approximately 20,000

independent U-Haul® dealers. We also sell U-Haul® brand boxes, tape and other moving and self-storage products and services....”<sup>1</sup>

31. While Defendant does own some of the properties in its network of retail moving stores, it is primarily engaged in operating and managing properties for other companies that have entered into agreements to license, sell, and distribute Defendant and its subsidiaries’ products and services on properties not owned by Defendant.

32. Defendant is a party to numerous “property management agreements” which designate the Defendant as the “Manager” of retail moving stores, tasked with the responsibility of managing and operating the properties and their respective facilities.

33. These property management agreements specify in detail that Defendant has “the sole and exclusive duty and authority to fully manage the Property and supervise and direct the business and affairs associated or related to the daily operation thereof”.<sup>2</sup>

34. With respect to maintenance responsibilities, the agreements further specify that Defendant “shall make and execute, or supervise and have control over the making and executing of all decisions concerning the maintenance, repair, and landscaping of the Property... Manager shall negotiate and execute on behalf of Owner such agreements which Manager deems necessary or advisable for... the maintenance, repair and operation of the Property”. *Id.* at 2-3.

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<sup>1</sup> Amerco, Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K), at 1 (May 30, 2018) available at <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/4457/000000445718000016/March201810K.htm> as of July 2, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Amerco, Inc., Annual Report – Exhibit 10.1, Property Management Agreement among Six-SAC Self-Storage Corporation and certain subsidiaries of U-Haul International, Inc. at 2 (June 24, 2016) available at <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/4457/000000445716000090/Ex10.1.htm> as of July 2, 2018.

35. As the operator, owner and/or manager of their properties, Defendant employs centralized policies, practices and procedures with regard to the operation, maintenance, design, construction, and/or alteration of its facilities.

36. To date, Defendant's centralized policies and practices have systematically and routinely violated the ADA by failing to ensure that Defendant's facilities are readily accessible and independently usable, by failing to remove architectural barriers, and by failing to maintain and operate facilities so that the accessible features of Defendant's facilities are maintained.

**III. Defendant Repeatedly Denies Individuals With Disabilities Full and Equal Access to Defendant's Facilities.**

37. On Plaintiff's behalf, investigators examined multiple locations owned, controlled, and/or operated by Defendant, and found the following violations, which are illustrative of the fact that Defendant implements policies and practices that routinely result in accessibility violations:

a) 1052 Washington Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA

- i. The surfaces of one or more purportedly accessible parking spaces had slopes exceeding 2.1%;
- ii. The surfaces of one or more access aisles had slopes exceeding 2.1%; and
- iii. One or more signs designating spaces as "accessible" were mounted less than 60 inches above the finished surface or the parking area.

b) 6104 OH-14, Ravenna, OH

- i. The surfaces of one or more purportedly accessible parking spaces had slopes exceeding 2.1%;
- ii. The surfaces of one or more access aisles had slopes exceeding 2.1%;
- iii. A portion of the route to the store entrance had a cross slope exceeding 2.1%; and
- iv. No spaces were designated as "van accessible" at one or more groups of purportedly accessible parking spaces.

c) 2650 Columbus Road NE, Canton, OH

- i. The surfaces of one or more purportedly accessible parking spaces had slopes exceeding 2.1%;
  - ii. One or more purportedly accessible spaces were not marked with required signs; and
  - iii. No spaces were designated as “van accessible” at one or more groups of purportedly accessible parking spaces.
- d) 2155 Credit Union Lane, Charleston, SC
  - i. No spaces were designated as “van accessible” at one or more groups of purportedly accessible parking spaces.
  - ii. One or more signs designating spaces as “accessible” were mounted less than 60 inches above the finished surface or the parking area; and
  - iii. No access aisle was provided adjacent to one or more purportedly accessible spaces.
- e) 584 King Street, Charleston, SC
  - i. No spaces were designated as “van accessible” at one or more groups of purportedly accessible parking spaces; and
  - ii. The maneuvering clearance area immediately adjacent to the facility’s entrance had a slope exceeding 2.1%.
- f) 4720 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC
  - i. No spaces were designated as “van accessible” at one or more groups of purportedly accessible parking spaces.
- g) 3120 Orchard Park Road, Buffalo, NY
  - i. No spaces were designated as “van accessible” at one or more groups of purportedly accessible parking spaces.

38. The fact that individuals with mobility-related disabilities are denied full and equal access to numerous of Defendant’s facilities, and the fact that each of these facilities deny access by way of inaccessible parking facilities, is evidence that the inaccessibility Plaintiff experienced is not isolated, but rather, caused by Defendant’s systemic disregard for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

39. Defendant's systemic access violations demonstrate that Defendant employs operational policies and practices that fail to ensure that Defendant's facilities are readily accessible and usable by individuals with mobility-related disabilities.

40. As evidenced by the widespread inaccessibility of Defendant's parking facilities, absent a change in Defendant's corporate policies and practices, access barriers are likely to reoccur in Defendant's facilities even after they have been remediated.

41. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks an injunction to remove the barriers currently present at Defendant's facilities and an injunction to modify the policies and practices that have created or allowed, and will create or allow, inaccessibility to affect Defendant's network of facilities.

### **CLASS ASSERTIONS**

42. Plaintiff brings this class action, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(2), on behalf of herself and the following nationwide class: all wheelchair users who have attempted, or will attempt, to utilize the parking facilities at all locations within the United States for which Defendant operates and/or controls the parking facilities.

43. Numerosity: The class described above is so numerous that joinder of all individual members in one action would be impracticable. The disposition of the individual claims of the respective class members through this class action will benefit both the parties and this Court and will facilitate judicial economy.

44. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the class. The claims of Plaintiff and members of the class are based on the same legal theories and arise from the same unlawful conduct.

45. Common Questions of Fact and Law: There is a well-defined community of interest and common questions of fact and law affecting members of the class in that they all have

been and/or are being denied their civil rights to full and equal access to, and use and enjoyment of, Defendant's facilities and/or services due to Defendant's failure to make their facilities fully accessible and independently usable as above described.

46. Adequacy of Representation: Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the class because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the members of the class. Plaintiff will fairly, adequately, and vigorously represent and protect the interests of the members of the class and she has no interests antagonistic to the members of the class. Plaintiff has retained counsel who are competent and experienced in the prosecution of class action litigation, generally, and who possess specific expertise in the context of class litigation under the ADA.

47. Class certification is appropriate pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) because Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, making appropriate both declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to Plaintiff and the class as a whole.

### **SUBSTANTIVE VIOLATION**

48. The allegations contained in the previous paragraphs are incorporated by reference.

49. Defendant's facilities were altered, designed, or constructed after the effective date of the ADA.

50. Defendant's facilities are required to be altered, designed, and constructed so that they are readily accessible to and usable by individuals who use wheelchairs. 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a).

51. Further, the accessible features of Defendant's facilities, which include the parking lots and paths of travel, are required to be maintained so that they are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with mobility disabilities. 28 C.F.R. § 36.211.

52. The architectural barriers described above demonstrate that Defendant's facilities were and are not operated in a manner that causes them to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals who use wheelchairs and/or that Defendant's facilities were not maintained so as to ensure that they remained accessible to and usable by individuals who use wheelchairs.

53. Furthermore, the architectural barriers described above demonstrate that Defendant has failed to remove barriers as required by 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv).

54. Defendant's repeated and systemic failures to operate Defendant's facilities so that they are readily accessible and usable, to remove architectural barriers, and to maintain the accessible features of their facilities constitute unlawful discrimination on the basis of a disability in violation of Title III of the ADA.

55. Defendant's facilities are required to comply with the Department of Justice's 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, or in some cases the 1991 Standards 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(1); 28 C.F.R. § 36.406; 28 C.F.R., pt. 36, app. A.

56. Defendant is required to provide individuals who use wheelchairs full and equal enjoyment of its facilities. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(a).

57. Defendant has failed, and continues to fail, to provide individuals who use wheelchairs with full and equal enjoyment of its facilities.

58. Defendant has discriminated against Plaintiff and the class in that Defendant has failed to make Defendant's facilities fully accessible to, and independently usable by, individuals who use wheelchairs in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 12182(a) as described above.

59. Defendant's conduct is ongoing and continuous, and Plaintiff has been harmed by Defendant's conduct.

60. Unless Defendant is restrained from continuing its ongoing and continuous course of conduct, Defendant will continue to violate the ADA and will continue to inflict injury upon Plaintiff and the class.

61. Given that Defendant has not complied with the ADA's requirements to make Defendant's facilities fully accessible to, and independently usable by, individuals who use wheelchairs, Plaintiff invokes her statutory rights to declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as costs and attorneys' fees.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the members of the class, prays for:

- a. A declaratory judgment that Defendant is in violation of the specific requirements of Title III of the ADA described above, and the relevant implementing regulations of the ADA, in that Defendant's facilities, as described above, are not fully accessible to, and independently usable by, individuals who use wheelchairs;
- b. A permanent injunction pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a)(2) and 28 C.F.R. § 36.501(b) that: (i) directs Defendant to take all steps necessary to remove the architectural barriers described above and to bring its facilities into full compliance with the requirements set forth in the ADA, and its implementing regulations, so that the facilities are fully accessible to, and independently usable by, individuals who use wheelchairs; (ii) directs Defendant to change its policies and practices to prevent the reoccurrence of access barriers post-remediation; and (iii) directs that Plaintiff shall monitor Defendant's facilities to ensure that the injunctive relief ordered above remains in place.
- c. An Order certifying the class proposed by Plaintiff, naming Plaintiff as class representative, and appointing her counsel as class counsel;
- d. Payment of costs of suit;
- e. Payment of reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12205 and 28 C.F.R. § 36.505; and
- f. The provision of whatever other relief the Court deems just, equitable, and appropriate.

Dated: July 2, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Benjamin J. Sweet  
Benjamin J. Sweet  
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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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
NICOLE SHETLER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Allegheny
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
Carlson Lynch Sweet Kilpela & Carpenter LLP, 1133 Penn Avenue, 5th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Phone: 412-322-9243

DEFENDANTS
AMERCO, INC.,
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.
Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
2 U.S. Government Defendant
3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)
Citizen of This State
Citizen of Another State
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country
PTF DEF
1 1
2 2
3 3
Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State
Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State
Foreign Nation
PTF DEF
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5 5
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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Table with 5 columns: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES. Includes various legal categories like Insurance, Personal Injury, Labor, etc.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
1 Original Proceeding
2 Removed from State Court
3 Remanded from Appellate Court
4 Reinstated or Reopened
5 Transferred from Another District
6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION
Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.
Brief description of cause:
Public accommodation violation

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.
DEMAND \$
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY
(See instructions):
JUDGE
DOCKET NUMBER

DATE: 07/02/2018
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: /s/ Benjamin J. Sweet

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THIS CASE DESIGNATION SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED

**PART A**

This case belongs on the (  Erie  Johnstown  Pittsburgh) calendar.

1. **ERIE CALENDAR** - If cause of action arose in the counties of Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Venang or Warren, OR any plaintiff or defendant resides in one of said counties.
2. **JOHNSTOWN CALENDAR** - If cause of action arose in the counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Clearfield or Somerset OR any plaintiff or defendant resides in one of said counties.
3. Complete if on **ERIE CALENDAR**: I certify that the cause of action arose in \_\_\_\_\_ County and that the \_\_\_\_\_ resides in \_\_\_\_\_ County.
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**PART B** (You are to check ONE of the following)

1.  This case is related to Number \_\_\_\_\_ . Short Caption \_\_\_\_\_
2.  This case is not related to a pending or terminated case.

**DEFINITIONS OF RELATED CASES:**

**CIVIL:** Civil cases are deemed related when a case filed relates to property included in another suit or involves the same issues of fact or it grows out of the same transactions as another suit or involves the validity or infringement of a patent involved in another suit

**EMINENT DOMAIN:** Cases in contiguous closely located groups and in common ownership groups which will lend themselves to consolidation for trial shall be deemed related.

**HABEAS CORPUS & CIVIL RIGHTS:** All habeas corpus petitions filed by the same individual shall be deemed related. All pro se Civil Rights actions by the same individual shall be deemed related.

**PART C**

**I. CIVIL CATEGORY** (Select the applicable category).

1.  Antitrust and Securities Act Cases
2.  Labor-Management Relations
3.  Habeas corpus
4.  Civil Rights
5.  Patent, Copyright, and Trademark
6.  Eminent Domain
7.  All other federal question cases
8.  All personal and property damage tort cases, including maritime, FELA, Jones Act, Motor vehicle, products liability, assault, defamation, malicious prosecution, and false arrest
9.  Insurance indemnity, contract and other diversity cases.
10.  Government Collection Cases (shall include HEW Student Loans (Education), V A Overpayment, Overpayment of Social Security, Enlistment Overpayment (Army, Navy, etc.), HUD Loans, GAO Loans (Misc. Types), Mortgage Foreclosures, SBA Loans, Civil Penalties and Coal Mine Penalty and Reclamation Fees.)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the entries on this Case Designation Sheet are true and correct

/s/ Benjamin J. Sweet

Date: 7/2/2018

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS OF BOTH FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE CASE CAN BE PROCESSED.

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

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Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) Amerco, Inc.

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Carlson Lynch Sweet Kilpela & Carpenter LLP 1133 Penn Avenue, 5th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_.

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_; or

Other *(specify)*:

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Server's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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