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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

debecca Stacy, Individually and n behalf of All Others Similarly ituated,

Plaintiff,

urmax, LLC, Next Phase **Jarketing, and Jeff Richards,** 

Defendants.

Case No.: '17CV0756 CAB KSC

## **CLASS ACTION**

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF **PURSUANT TO THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER** PROTECTION ACT, 47 U.S.C. § **227 ET SEQ.** 

**Jury Trial Demanded** 

### INTRODUCTION

Rebecca Stacy (referred to individually as "Ms. Stacy" or "Plaintiff"), brings 1. this class action for damages, injunctive relief, and any other available legal or equitable remedies, resulting from the illegal actions of Burmax LLC ("Burmax"), Next Phase Marketing, ("NPM"), and Jeff Richards, an

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- individual ("Richards"), (collectively referred to as "Defendants"), 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. Plaintiff alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to herself and her own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by her attorneys.
- 2. The TCPA was designed to prevent calls like the ones described within this complaint, and to protect the privacy of citizens like Plaintiff. "Voluminous consumer complaints about abuses of telephone technology - for example, computerized calls dispatched to private homes – prompted Congress to pass the TCPA." Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC, 132 S. Ct. 740, 744 (2012).
- 3. In enacting the TCPA, Congress intended to give consumers a choice as to how creditors and telemarketers may call them, and made specific findings that "[t]echnologies that might allow consumers to avoid receiving such calls are not universally available, are costly, are unlikely to be enforced, or place an inordinate burden on the consumer." TCPA, Pub.L. No. 102-243, § 11. Toward this end, Congress found that:

Banning such automated or prerecorded telephone calls to the home, except when the receiving party consents to receiving the call or when such calls are necessary in an emergency situation affecting the health and safety of the consumer, is the only effective means of protecting telephone consumers from this nuisance and privacy invasion.

- Id. at § 12; see also, Martin v. Leading Edge Recovery Solutions, LLC, 2012 WL 3292838, at \*4 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 10, 2012) (citing Congressional finding on TCPA's purpose).
- Congress also specifically found that "the evidence presented to the Congress indicates that automated or prerecorded calls are a nuisance and an invasion

of privacy, regardless of the type of call [...]." *Id.* At §§ 12-13. *See also, Mims*, 132 S. Ct. at 744.

5. As Judge Easterbrook of the Seventh Circuit explained in a TCPA case regarding calls to a non-debtor similar to this one:

The Telephone Consumer Protection Act [...] is well known for its provisions limiting junk-fax transmissions. A less litigated part of the Act curtails the use of automated dialers and prerecorded messages to cell phones, whose subscribers often are billed by the minute as soon as the call is answered – and routing a call to voicemail counts as answering the call. An automated call to a landline phone can be an annoyance; an automated call to a cell phone adds expense to annoyance.

Soppet v. Enhanced Recovery Co., LLC, 679 F.3d 637, 638 (7th Cir. 2012).

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 6. Jurisdiction is proper under 47 U.S.C §227(b); *Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs.*, *LLC*, 132 S.Ct. 740 (2012), because Plaintiff alleges violations of federal law.
- 7. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and 1441(a) because Plaintiff lives in San Diego County, CA, and the events giving rise to Plaintiff's causes of action against Defendants occurred in the State of California within the Southern District of California and Defendants conducts business in the area of San Diego, California.

### **PARTIES**

- 8. Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, an individual citizen and resident of the County of San Diego, in the State of California.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Burmax is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a California Limited Liability Company (LLC) headquartered in San Diego, CA, doing business throughout CA, and

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- at all times mentioned herein was, a "person," as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153 (39).
- 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that NPM is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a "cancelled" Limited Liability Company headquartered in Pleasant Hill, CA, doing business throughout CA, and at all times mentioned herein was, a "person," as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153 (39). Plaintiff is unaware of the current corporate structure of NPM.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Richards is, and at 11. all times mentioned herein was, an individual living in Pleasant Hill, CA, and is the owner/operator of NPM, and is currently doing business throughout CA, and at all times mentioned herein was, a "person," as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153 (39).
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all relevant 12. times, Defendants conducted business in the State of California and in the County of San Diego, and within this judicial district.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- At all times relevant, Plaintiff was a citizen of the State of California. 13. Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, "persons" as defined by 47 U.S.C § 153 (39).
- Defendants are, and at all times mentioned herein were, "persons" as defined 14. by 47 U.S.C. §153 (39).
- Sometime prior to January 1, 2013, Ms. Stacy was assigned, and became the 15. owner of, a cellular telephone number ending in 6635 from her wireless provider.
- Beginning on or about August 16, 2016, Ms. Stacy received numerous telephone calls on her cellular telephone from Defendants, in which Defendants utilized an automatic telephone dialing system ("ATDS") as

- defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(1), using an "artificial or prerecorded voice" as prohibited by 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).
- 17. Ms. Stacy received three calls on August 16, 2016; one at 3:22 PM and one at 3:23 PM. The first two calls utilized an artificial voice recording. The prerecorded voice identified itself as "Chris Nelson." "Chris Nelson was an automated voice and/or a voice recognition system—this was not a live person. These were not normal conversations because the automated voice could not answer questions properly. Plaintiff terminated the calls. A third call came later that day at 3:55 PM from telephone number (415) 513-5344. This was a live person who identified himself as "Eric." Eric tried to sell Plaintiff a solar system over the phone. Plaintiff told Eric to remove her from the call list.
- 18. Ms. Stacy received another call on September 26, 2016 at 4:48 PM from (716) 406-4973. This call utilized the same pre-recorded voice which identified itself as "Chris Nelson."
- 19. Ms. Stacy received another call on October 10, 2016 at 2:42 PM from (716) 406-4973. This call utilized the same pre-recorded voice which identified itself as "Chris Nelson."
- 20. Ms. Stacy received another call on October 13, 2016 at 4:58 PM from (716) 406-4973. This call utilized the same pre-recorded voice which identified itself as "Chris Nelson."
- 21. Ms. Stacy received another call on October 13, 2016 at 5:57 PM from (877) 988-9378. This call was a live person again trying to sell Ms. Stacy a solar system. She again requested to be removed from the call list.
- 22. Ms. Stacy received another call on October 14, 2016 at 11:48 AM from (716) 406-4973. This call utilized the same pre-recorded voice which identified itself as "Chris Nelson."

- 23. Ms. Stacy received another call on November 11, 2016 at 1:58 PM from (716) 406-4973. This call utilized the same pre-recorded voice which identified itself as "Chris Nelson." On this call, Plaintiff "played along" with "Chris Nelson" and answered the questions in hopes that she would be transferred to a human so that she can again ask to be removed from the call list. After answering the questions asked by the pre-recorded voice, she was transferred to a "senior supervisor." This person verified her name and address and tried to sell her a solar system for her home.
- 24. Ms. Stacy received another call to her cellular telephone number from Defendants on March 14, 2017 at 11:47 AM. This call came from a disguised phone number: (999) 999-9999, and when Plaintiff answered it was once again the artificial voice identifying itself as "Chris Nelson." "Chris Nelson" asked Mrs. Stacy all of the same questions that it asked every other time it called. Ms. Stacy answered the questions and was transferred to a "senior supervisor." Ms. Stacy does not get this person's name, but it was a live person with a very thick accent, who informed Plaintiff that she would be receiving a follow up call from the solar company later in the day.
- 25. Later that same day at 1:52 PM, Ms. Stacy received a call from phone number (559) 736-2337. This call was from a man named "Mark" from Burmex Energy. It was clear that this was the follow up call related to her conversation with "Chris Nelson."
- 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that NPM is the entity making the calls using the artificial or prerecorded voice identifying itself as "Chris Nelson." NPM is the alter ego of Jeff Richards. NPM is listed on the Secretary of State website as a "cancelled" LLC, and has been listed that way for at least 90 days. However, Plaintiff has received calls from NPM after the LLC was cancelled.

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- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that Jeff Richards and 27. NPM continue to make the "Chris Nelson" calls even though the LLC is listed as "cancelled."
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that the solar leads 28. produced by NPM and Richards are sold to solar companies, including but not limited to, Burmex, under a contractual agreement.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that NPM is an agent of 29. Burmex, and thus Burmex is vicariously liable for the actions of NPM.
- 30. Plaintiff revoked any consent, if it was ever given, or Defendants mistakenly believed it was given, when she requested to be taken off the call list on August 16, 2016, and October 13, 2016.
- 31. The ATDS used by Defendants has the capacity to store or produce telephone numbers to be called, using a random or sequential number generator.
- 32. The ATDS used by Defendants also has the capacity to, and does, call telephone numbers from a list of databases of telephone numbers automatically and without human intervention.
- The telephone number Defendants called was assigned to a cellular telephone 33. service for which Plaintiff incurred a charge for incoming calls pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227 (b)(1).
- 20 34. Plaintiff at no time provided "prior express consent" for Defendants to place telephone calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone with an artificial or 21 22 prerecorded voice utilizing an ATDS as proscribed under 47 U.S.C. § 227(b) (1)(A).23
  - Plaintiff had not provided her cellular telephone number to Defendants. 35. Plaintiff was not a customer of Defendants. Plaintiff had no "established business relationship" with defendant, as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227 (a)(2).
- 27 36. These telephone calls made by Defendants or their agents were in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1). 28

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### **STANDING**

- 37. Standing is proper under Article III of the Constitution of the United States of America because Plaintiff's claims state:
  - a. a valid injury in fact;
  - b. which is traceable to the conduct of Defendant(s);
  - c. and is likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision.
  - See, Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins, 578 U.S. \_\_\_ (2016) at 6, and Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555 at 560.
- 38. In order to meet the standard laid out in *Spokeo* and *Lujan*, Plaintiff must clearly allege facts demonstrating all three prongs above.

## A. The "Injury in Fact" Prong

- 39. Plaintiff's injury in fact must be both "concrete" and "particularized" in order to satisfy the requirements of Article III of the Constitution, as laid out in *Spokeo (Id.)*.
- 40. For an injury to be "concrete" it must be a *de facto* injury, meaning that it actually exists. In the present case, Plaintiff was called on her cellular phone at least ten times by Defendants. Such calls are a nuisance, an invasion of privacy, and an expense to Plaintiff. *Soppet v. Enhanced Recovery Co., LLC*, 679 F.3d 637, 638 (7th Cir. 2012). All three of these injuries are concrete and *de facto*.
- 41. For an injury to be "particularized" means that the injury must "affect the plaintiff in a personal and individual way." *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins, 578 U.S.*\_\_\_\_\_(2016) at 7. In the instant case, it was plaintiff's phone that was called and it was plaintiff herself who answered the calls. It was plaintiff's personal privacy and peace that was invaded by Defendants' persistent phone calls using an ATDS. Finally, plaintiff alone is responsible to pay the bill on her

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cellular phone. All of these injuries are particularized and specific to plaintiff, and will be the same injuries suffered by each member of the putative class.

#### В. The "Traceable to the Conduct of Defendant" Prong

- 42. The second prong required to establish standing at the pleadings phase is that Plaintiff must allege facts to show that her injury is traceable to the conduct of Defendant(s).
- 43. In the instant case, this prong is met simply by the fact that the calls to plaintiff's cellular phone were placed either, by Defendants directly, or by Defendants' agent at the direction of Defendants.

# The "Injury is Likely to be Redressed by a Favorable Judicial Opinion" **Prong**

- The third prong to establish standing at the pleadings phase requires Plaintiff 44. to allege facts to show that the injury is likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial opinion.
- In the present case, Plaintiff's Prayers for Relief include a request for 45. damages for each call made by Defendants, as authorized by statute in 47 U.S.C. § 227. The statutory damages were set by Congress and specifically redress the financial damages suffered by Plaintiff and the members of the putative class.
- Furthermore, Plaintiff's Prayers for Relief request injunctive relief to restrain 46. Defendants from the alleged abusive practices in the future. The award of monetary damages and the order for injunctive relief redress the injuries of the past, and prevent further injury in the future.
- 47. Because all standing requirements of Article III of the U.S. Constitution have been met, as laid out in Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins, 578 U.S. (2016), Plaintiff has standing to sue Defendants on the stated claims.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 48. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and on behalf of all others similarly situated ("the Class" and "Revocation Subclass").
- 49. Plaintiff represents, and is a member of, the Class, consisting of:
  - a. All persons within the United States who had or have a number assigned to a cellular telephone service, who received at least one call using an ATDS and/or an artificial prerecorded voice from Burmex, LLC, Next Phase Marketing, or Jeff Richards, or their agents calling on behalf of Burmex, LLC, Next Phase Marketing, or Jeff Richards, between the date of filing this action and the four years preceding, where such calls were placed for marketing purposes, to non-customers of Burmex, LLC, Next Phase Marketing, or Jeff Richards, at the time of the calls.
- 50. Plaintiff represents, and is a member of, the Revocation Subclass, consisting of:
  - b. All persons within the United States who had or have a number assigned to a cellular telephone service, who received at least one call using an ATDS and/or an artificial prerecorded voice from Burmex, LLC, Next Phase Marketing, or Jeff Richards, or their agents calling on behalf of Burmex, LLC, Next Phase Marketing, or Jeff Richards, after the persons revoked consent, between the date of filing this action and the four years preceding, where such calls were placed for marketing purposes, to non-customers of Burmex, LLC, Next Phase Marketing, or Jeff Richards, at the time of the calls. ("Revocation Subclass")
- 51. Defendants and their employees or agents are excluded from the Class and Revocation Subclass. Plaintiff does not know the number of members in the Class and Revocation Subclass, but believes the Class and Revocation Subclass 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 this matter.
- 52. Plaintiff and members of the Class and Revocation Subclass were harmed by the acts of Defendants in at least the following ways: Defendants illegally contacted Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass members via their cellular telephones thereby causing Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass members to incur certain cellular telephone charges or reduce cellular telephone time for which Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass members previously paid, by having to retrieve or administer messages left by Defendants or their agents, during those illegal calls, and invading the privacy of said Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass members. Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass members were damaged thereby.
- 53. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic injury on behalf of the Class and Revocation Subclass and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury and claims related thereto. Plaintiff reserves the right to expand the Class and Revocation Subclass definitions to seek recovery on behalf of additional persons as warranted as facts are learned in further investigation and discovery.
- 54. The joinder of the Class and Revocation Subclass members is impractical and the disposition of their claims in the Class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the Court. The Class and Revocation Subclass can be identified through Defendants' records and/or Defendants' agent's records.
- 55. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved affecting the parties to be represented. The questions of law and fact to the Class and Revocation Subclass predominate over questions which may

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affect individual Class and Revocation Subclass members, including the following:

- i. Whether, within the four years prior to the filing of the Complaint, Defendants made any call(s) (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) to the Class and Revocation Subclass members using any ATDS or an artificial or prerecorded voice to any telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone service;
- ii. Whether Defendants called non-customers of Defendants for marketing purposes;
- iii. Whether Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass members were damaged thereby, and the extent of damages for such violation(s); and
- iv. Whether Defendants should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the future.
- As a person who received numerous calls from Defendants in which 56. Defendants used an ATDS or an artificial or prerecorded voice, without Plaintiff's prior express consent, Plaintiff is asserting claims that are typical of the Class and Revocation Subclass. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class and Revocation Subclass in that Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to any member of the Class or Revocation Subclass.
- 57. Plaintiff and the members of the Class and Revocation Subclass have all suffered irreparable harm as a result of the Defendants' unlawful and wrongful Absent a class action, the Class and Revocation Subclass will conduct. continue to face the potential for irreparable harm. In addition, these violations of law will be allowed to proceed without remedy and Defendants will likely continue such illegal conduct. The size of Class and Revocation Subclass member's individual claims causes, few, if any, Class and

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- Revocation Subclass members to be able to afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein.
- 58. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class action claims and claims involving violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- A class action is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of 59. this controversy. Class-wide damages are essential to induce Defendants to comply with federal and California law. The interest of Class and Revocation Subclass members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against Defendants is small because the maximum statutory damages in an individual action for violation of privacy are minimal. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties than those that would be presented in numerous individual claims.
- 60. Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the Class and Revocation Subclass, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole and Revocation Subclass.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: NEGLIGENT VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 47 U.S.C. § 227 ET SEQ.

- 61. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitutes numerous and 62. 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 et seg.
- As a result of Defendants' negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq., 63. Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass are entitled to an award of

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- \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 64. Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass 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.

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this 65. Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 66. 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 et seq.
- As a result of Defendants' knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 67. 227 et seq., Plaintiff and each of the Class and Revocation Subclass are entitled to treble damages, as provided by statute, up to \$1,500.00, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).
- Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass are also entitled to and seek 68. injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

69. Wherefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court grant Plaintiff and the Class and Revocation Subclass members the following relief against Defendants:

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# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF THE TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227 ET SEQ.

- As a result of Defendants' negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), 70. Plaintiff seeks for herself and each Class and Revocation Subclass member \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A), injunctive relief prohibiting such 71. conduct in the future.
- Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper. 72.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR KNOWING AND/OR WILLFUL OF THE TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227 ET SEQ.

- As a result of Defendants' willful and/or knowing violations of 47 U.S.C. § 73. 227(b)(1), Plaintiff seeks for herself and each Class and Revocation Subclass member treble damages, as provided by statute, up to \$1,500.00 for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b) (3)(C).
- Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A), injunctive relief prohibiting such 74. conduct in the future.
- Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper. 75.

## TRIAL BY JURY

76.	Pursuant to the seventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States of
	America, Plaintiff is entitled to, and demands, a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 13, 2017 **HYDE & SWIGART** 

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#### 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.

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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 the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- **V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six 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

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. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

- 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.

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