

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CIVIL COMPLAINT

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Write the full name of each Plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)*

v.

**Case No.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(To be filled in by the Clerk's Office)*

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

**Jury Trial Requested?**  
 YES    NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Write the full name of each Defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the Defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)*

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**I. PARTIES TO THIS COMPLAINT**

**A. Plaintiff(s)**

1. Plaintiff's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

2. Plaintiff's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

*(Provide this information for any additional Plaintiffs in this case by attaching an additional page as needed.)*

**B. Defendant(s)**

1. Defendant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer *(if relevant)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Defendant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer (*if relevant*): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Defendant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer (*if relevant*): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Provide this information for any additional Defendants in this case by attaching additional pages as needed.)*

## **II. BASIS FOR JURISDICTION**

Federal courts have limited jurisdiction. Generally, only two types of cases may be heard in federal court: (1) a case involving a federal question or (2) case involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. A “federal question” case arises under the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties. 28 U.S.C. § 1331. A “diversity” case means a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation. No defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any Plaintiff in a diversity case, and the amount in controversy must be more

than \$75,000. 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

What is the basis for federal court jurisdiction? (*check all that apply*)

- Federal Question                       Diversity of Citizenship

Fill out the paragraphs in this section that apply to this case.

A. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is a Federal Question:

List the specific federal statutes, federal treaties, and/or provisions of the United States Constitution that are at issue in this case: \_\_\_\_\_

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B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction is Diversity of Citizenship:

1. Plaintiff(s)

a. Plaintiff is an individual and a citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

b. If any Plaintiff is a business or corporation, list the State where the business is incorporated \_\_\_\_\_ or has its principal place of business: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Note: Businesses/Corporations must be represented by counsel.*

*Attach additional page to provide this information for additional Plaintiffs.)*

2. Defendant(s)

a. If the Defendant is an individual, identify their citizenship below.

1. Defendant (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_

is a citizen of (*State*) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Defendant (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_

is a citizen of (*State*) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Defendant (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_

is a citizen of (*State*) \_\_\_\_\_

b. If the Defendant is a corporation or business, list the state of incorporation or principal place of business below.

1. Defendant (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_

State of Incorporation is \_\_\_\_\_

or Principal Place of Business is \_\_\_\_\_

2. Defendant (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_

State of Incorporation is \_\_\_\_\_

or Principal Place of Business is \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach additional page if necessary to list all Defendants.)*

3. Have you previously been involved in litigation with one or more

of the named Defendants?

Yes     No

If yes, identify prior case #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Result: \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

Write a short and plain statement of your claim. Do not make legal arguments or quote from cases. State the facts which show what happened, as well as where and when it happened. State how each Defendant was involved and explain what a Defendant did or did not do; identify how each Defendant caused you harm or violated federal law. Write each statement in numbered paragraphs, limited as far as practicable to a single event or incident. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim, and ensure that a short and plain statement of facts supporting each claim is included in the facts alleged. Attach no more than two (2) additional pages to state your claim.

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**IV. RELIEF REQUESTED**

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages. \_\_\_\_\_

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**V. CERTIFICATION**

As required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, I certify by signing below that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a non-frivolous argument for extending,

modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

I agree to timely notify the Clerk's Office if there is any change to my mailing address. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Additional signature pages must be attached if there is more than one Plaintiff.)*