

**CR 103. PRISONER COMPLAINTS UNDER CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

**(a) Form of Complaint.** Complaints filed pursuant to the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by or on behalf of prisoners, shall be typewritten or legibly handwritten, and signed by each plaintiff. Such complaints shall be on the forms supplied by the court unless the district judge or magistrate judge, upon finding that the complaint is understandable and that it conforms with the local rules and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in his or her discretion, accepts for filing a complaint that is not submitted on the appropriate forms.

**(b) Forma Pauperis.** See CR 3.

**(c) Place of Filing.** See CR 5(e).

**(d) Copies of Complaint.** Plaintiff shall send to the clerk an original complaint form for filing, one copy for each defendant named, plus one additional copy to be returned to plaintiff.

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