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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Plaintiff(s),

v.

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. _____
[to be filled in by Clerk's Office]

COMPLAINT FOR A CIVIL CASE
ALLEGING THAT THE
DEFENDANT OWES THE
PLAINTIFF A SUM OF MONEY
(28 U.S.C. § 1332; Diversity of
Citizenship)

Jury Trial: Yes No

I. THE PARTIES TO THIS COMPLAINT

A. Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name _____
Street Address _____
City and County _____
State and Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____

1 B. Defendant(s)

2 Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the
3 defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an
4 individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if
5 needed.

6 Defendant No. 1

7 Name

8 Job or Title (if known)

9 Street Address

10 City and County

11 State and Zip Code

12 Telephone Number

13 Defendant No. 2

14 Name

15 Job or Title (if known)

16 Street Address

17 City and County

18 State and Zip Code

19 Telephone Number

20 Defendant No. 3

21 Name

22 Job or Title (if known)

23 Street Address

24 City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

1 Defendant No. 4

2 Name

3 Job or Title (*if known*)

4 Street Address

5 City and County

6 State and Zip Code

7 Telephone Number

8 **II. BASIS FOR JURISDICTION**

9 Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only two
10 types of cases can be heard in federal court: cases involving a federal question and cases
11 involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, a case arising under
12 the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties is a federal question case. Under 28
13 U.S.C. § 1332, a case in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation and
14 the amount at stake is more than \$75,000 is a diversity of citizenship case. In a diversity of
15 citizenship case, no defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any plaintiff.

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

17 Federal question

Diversity of citizenship

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

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

20 List the specific federal statutes, federal treaties, and/or provisions of the United States
21 Constitution that are at issue in this case.

22 _____
23 _____
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1 B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is Diversity of Citizenship

2 1. The Plaintiff(s)

3 a. If the plaintiff is an individual.

4 The plaintiff (*name*) _____, is a citizen of the
5 State of (*name*) _____.

6 b. If the plaintiff is a corporation.

7 The plaintiff, (*name*) _____, is incorporated under
8 the laws of the State of (*name*) _____, is incorporated under
9 the laws of the State of (*name*) _____, and has its principal
10 place of business in the State of (*name*) _____.

11 *(If more than one plaintiff is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing*
12 *the same information for each additional plaintiff.)*

13 2. The Defendant(s)

14 a. If the defendant is an individual.

15 The defendant, (*name*) _____, is a citizen of the
16 State of (*name*) _____. Or is a citizen of
17 (*foreign nation*) _____.

18 b. If the defendant is a corporation.

19 The defendant, (*name*) _____, is incorporated under
20 the laws of the State of (*name*) _____, and has its principal
21 place of business in the State of (*name*) _____.

22 Or is incorporated under the laws of (*foreign nation*) _____,
23 and has its principal place of business in (*name*) _____.

1 (If more than one defendant is named in the complaint, attach an additional page
2 providing the same information for each additional defendant.)

3 **III. THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY**

4 The amount in controversy-the amount the plaintiff claims the defendant owes or the
5 amount at stake-is more than \$75,000, not counting interest and costs of court, because (explain):

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7 _____
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9 **IV. STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

10 Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as
11 possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought.
12 State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff
13 harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or
14 conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain
15 statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

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16 The defendant, (name) _____, owes the plaintiff (specify the
17 amount) \$ _____ because (use one or more of the following, as appropriate):

18 A. On a Promissory Note

19 On (date) _____, the defendant signed and delivered a note promising to
20 pay the plaintiff on (date) _____ the sum of (specify the amount) \$ _____ with
21 interest at the rate of (specify the amount) _____ percent. The defendant has not paid the
22 amount due and owes (state the amount of unpaid principal and interest) \$ _____ .
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1 A copy of the note is attached as an exhibit or is summarized below. (*Attach the note or*
2 *summarize what the document says.*)

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4 _____
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6 B. On an Account Between the Parties

7 The defendant owes the plaintiff (*specify the amount*) \$ _____. This debt
8 arises from an account between the parties, based on (*state the basis, such as an agreement*
9 *between a credit-card company and a credit-card holder*)

10 _____
11 _____
12 _____

13 The plaintiff sent the defendant a statement of the account listing the transactions over a
14 certain period and showing the bills sent, the payments received or credits approved, and the
15 balance due. The defendant owes (*specify the amount*) \$ _____. Copies of the bills
16 or account statements are attached as exhibits or summarized below. (*Attach the statements or*
17 *summarize what they say.*)

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21 C. For Goods Sold and Delivered

22 The defendant owes the plaintiff (*specify the amount*) \$ _____, for goods
23 sold and delivered by the plaintiff to the defendant from (*date*) _____ to (*date*)
24 _____.

1 D. For Money Loaned

2 The defendant owes the plaintiff (*specify the amount*) \$ _____, for money
3 the plaintiff loaned the defendant on (*date*) _____.

4 E. For Money Paid by Mistake

5 The defendant owes the plaintiff (*specify the amount*) \$ _____ for money
6 paid by mistake to the defendant on (*date*) _____, when the defendant received the
7 payment from (*specify who paid and describe the circumstances of the payment*)

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10 _____

11 F. For Money Had and Received

12 The defendant was paid money (*specify the amount*) \$ _____ on (*date*)
13 _____ by (*identify who paid and describe the circumstances of the payment*)

14 _____
15 _____
16 _____

17 It is unjust for the defendant not to pay the plaintiff the money received because (*explain*
18 *the reason, such as that the money was intended to be paid to the plaintiff, or was paid by*
19 *coercion, duress, or fraud, or was an overpayment or a deposit to be returned*):

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V. RELIEF

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.

VI. CERTIFICATION AND CLOSING

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that 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 nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, 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 provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. 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.

1 Date of signing: _____

2 Signature of Plaintiff _____

3 Printed Name of Plaintiff _____

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5 Date of signing: _____

6 Signature of Plaintiff _____

7 Printed Name of Plaintiff _____

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9 Date of signing: _____

10 Signature of Plaintiff _____

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