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Civil Cover Sheet (Form 1.997)

Official Text, Fillable

Fla. R. Civ. P. Form 1.997 - typeset from the official text, April 1, 2026 edition

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The complete civil cover sheet: case style, amount of claim, the full type-of-case tree with the form's own categories and subcategories, remedies, causes of action, class-action, related-case, jury-demand and sexual-abuse questions, and the filer's certification - every word the official form's own.

This kit types the official form's own text. You complete it in your own reader; every choice line is yours, and nothing in this kit selects for you.

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Start Here

This kit is the official Florida civil cover sheet, typeset in full from the form's own published text with fill-in fields at the form's own blanks. The Provenance page states exactly where every word came from and how to check.

01 What this form is

The form's own text: it "must be filed by the plaintiff or petitioner with the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting uniform data pursuant to section 25.075, Florida Statutes." The instructions add that failure to file it in a covered civil case may result in sanctions.

02 Open in Adobe Acrobat Reader

The free Reader is enough. Type into the fields; click a choice line to place the form's own x. Fields shared with other kits in this line (the caption, the case number) fill themselves from what you typed there.

03 The form's own commands control

The cover sheet reports data; the form itself says it neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings. Deadlines and sufficiency questions live in the rules, not on this sheet - verify against the rule text in the platform's authority library.

04 Where judgment is needed, bring counsel

Which category fits, which box is true for your case, and what an answer commits you to are judgment calls - a licensed Florida attorney can review your completed form at any time.

Provenance

Where every word of this form came from — and how to check.

This kit typesets THE OFFICIAL FORM'S OWN TEXT into a fillable document. It is not the court's PDF (Florida publishes the civil forms as rule text, not as statewide fillable files); it is the official text, set by this kit line, with fill-in fields at the form's own blanks.

Rule-text source. The live authority corpus unit FRCP Form 1.997 (the form's verbatim text as published in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure). The platform's bench re-verifies the fragments this kit prints against that unit.

Official compilation snapshot. April 1, 2026 edition, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, published by The Florida Bar — file `Civil-Procedure-Rules-04-01-26.pdf`, SHA-256 `f137c6111074d53e5635b9d3055694ecc70ee1ba1f4123f217c4df58f8b491b4`. The fill-in grid of this form (its choice lines and section layout) was extracted from this pinned artifact.

Check it yourself. The compilation is published at the address below; comparing this kit against the official text is always the right instinct.

<https://www-media.floridabar.org/uploads/2026/04/Civil-Procedure-Rules-04-01-26.pdf>

What this kit never does. It never selects a category, amount, or answer for you; every choice line is yours. If any entry calls for judgment, a licensed Florida attorney can review your completed form — that review is a decision you make, not one this kit makes for you.

FORM 1.997. CIVIL COVER SHEET

The civil cover sheet and the information contained in it neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other documents as required by law. This form must be filed by the plaintiff or petitioner with the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting uniform data pursuant to section 25.075, Florida Statutes. (See instructions for completion.)

I. CASE STYLE

(Name of Court) _____ .

Plaintiff _____ Case # _____

Judge _____

vs.

Defendant _____

II. AMOUNT OF CLAIM

Please indicate the estimated amount of the claim, rounded to the nearest dollar. The estimated amount of the claim is requested for data collection and clerical processing purposes only. The amount of the claim shall not be used for any other purpose.

_____ \$8,000 or less
_____ \$8,001 - \$30,000
_____ \$30,001- \$50,000
_____ \$50,001- \$75,000
_____ \$75,001-\$100,000
_____ over \$100,000.00

III. TYPE OF CASE

(If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive category.) If the most descriptive label is a subcategory (is indented under a broader category), place an x on both the main category and subcategory lines.

CIRCUIT CIVIL

_____ Condominium
_____ Contracts and indebtedness
_____ Eminent domain
_____ Auto negligence
_____ Negligence—other
_____ Business governance
_____ Business torts
_____ Environmental/Toxic tort

- _____ Third party indemnification
- _____ Construction defect
- _____ Mass tort
- _____ Negligent security
- _____ Nursing home negligence
- _____ Premises liability—commercial
- _____ Premises liability—residential
- _____ Products liability
- _____ Real property/Mortgage foreclosure
 - _____ Commercial foreclosure
 - _____ Homestead residential foreclosure
 - _____ Non-homestead residential foreclosure
 - _____ Other real property actions
- _____ Professional malpractice
 - _____ Malpractice—business
 - _____ Malpractice—medical
 - _____ Malpractice—other professional
- _____ Other
 - _____ Antitrust/Trade regulation
 - _____ Business transactions
 - _____ Constitutional challenge—statute or ordinance
 - _____ Constitutional challenge—proposed amendment
 - _____ Corporate trusts
 - _____ Discrimination—employment or other
 - _____ Insurance claims
 - _____ Intellectual property
 - _____ Libel/Slander
 - _____ Shareholder derivative action
 - _____ Securities litigation
 - _____ Trade secrets
 - _____ Trust litigation

COUNTY CIVIL

- _____ Civil
- _____ Real Property/Mortgage foreclosure

☐ Replevins
☐ Evictions
☐ Residential Evictions
☐ Non-residential Evictions
☐ Other civil (non-monetary)

IV. REMEDIES SOUGHT (check all that apply):

☐ Monetary;
☐ Nonmonetary declaratory or injunctive relief;
☐ Punitive

V. NUMBER OF CAUSES OF ACTION:

[] (Specify)

VI. IS THIS CASE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT?

☐ yes
☐ no

VII. HAS NOTICE OF ANY KNOWN RELATED CASE BEEN FILED?

☐ no
☐ yes If "yes," list all related cases by name, case number, and court.

VIII. IS JURY TRIAL DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT?

☐ yes
☐ no

IX. DOES THIS CASE INVOLVE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE?

☐ yes
☐ no

I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have read and will comply with the requirements of Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.425.

Signature — Attorney or party

Fla. Bar # (Bar # if attorney) _____

(type or print name) _____ Date _____

Instructions for Completing (official)

The official instructions, verbatim — the form explains itself.

FORM 1.997. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL

COVER SHEET Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first document filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases, probate, or family cases). Domestic and juvenile cases should be accompanied by a completed Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.928, Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases. Failure to file a civil cover sheet in any civil case other than those excepted above may result in sanctions.

I. Case Style. Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original complaint or petition, the name of the judge assigned (if applicable), and the name (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).

II. Amount of Claim. Enter the estimated amount of the claim, rounded to the nearest dollar. The estimated amount of the claim is requested for data collection and clerical processing purposes only. The amount of the claim shall not be used for any other purpose.

III. Type of Case. Place an “X” on the appropriate line. If the cause fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive. If the most definitive label is a subcategory (indented under a broader category label), place an “X” on the category and subcategory lines. Definitions of the cases are provided below in the order they appear on the form. Circuit Civil

(A) Condominium—all civil lawsuits pursuant to Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, in which a condominium association is a party.

(B) Contracts and indebtedness—all contract actions relating to promissory notes and other debts, including those arising from the sale of goods, but excluding contract disputes involving condominium associations.

(C) Eminent domain—all matters relating to the taking of private property for public use, including inverse condemnation by state agencies, political subdivisions, or public service corporations.

(D) Auto negligence—all matters arising out of a party’s allegedly negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

(E) Negligence—other—all actions sounding in negligence, including statutory claims for relief on account of death or injury, that are not included in other main categories.

(F) Business governance—all matters relating to the management, administration, or control of a company.

(G) Business torts—all matters relating to liability for economic loss allegedly caused by interference with economic or business relationships.

(H) Environmental/Toxic tort—all matters relating to claims that violations of environmental regulatory provisions or exposure to a chemical caused injury or disease.

(I) Third party indemnification—all matters relating to liability transferred to a third party in a financial relationship.

(J) Construction defect—all civil lawsuits in which damage or injury was allegedly caused by defects in the construction of a structure.

(K) Mass tort—all matters relating to a civil action involving numerous plaintiffs against one or more defendants.

(L) Negligent security—all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from insufficient security.

(M) Nursing home negligence—all matters involving injury to a nursing home resident resulting from negligence of nursing home staff or facilities.

- (N) Premises liability—commercial—all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from a defect on the premises of a commercial property.
- (O) Premises liability—residential—all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from a defect on the premises of a residential property.
- (P) Products liability—all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from the manufacture or sale of a defective product or from a failure to warn.
- (Q) Real property/Mortgage foreclosure—all matters relating to the possession, title, or boundaries of real property. All matters involving foreclosures or sales of real property, including foreclosures associated with condominium associations or condominium units. (The amount of claim specified in Section II. of the form determines the filing fee pursuant to section 28.241, Florida Statutes.)
- (R) Commercial foreclosure—all matters relating to the termination of a business owner's interest in commercial property by a lender to gain title or force a sale to satisfy the unpaid debt secured by the property.
- (S) Homestead residential foreclosure—all matters relating to the termination of a residential property owner's interest by a lender to gain title or force a sale to satisfy the unpaid debt secured by the property where the property has been granted a homestead exemption.
- (T) Nonhomestead residential foreclosure—all matters relating to the termination of a residential property owner's interest by a lender to gain title or force a sale to satisfy the unpaid debt secured by the property where the property has not been granted a homestead exemption.
- (U) Other real property actions—all matters relating to land, land improvements, or property rights not involving commercial or residential foreclosure.
- (V) Professional malpractice—all professional malpractice lawsuits.
- (W) Malpractice—business—all matters relating to a business's or business person's failure to exercise the degree of care and skill that someone in the same line of work would use under similar circumstances.
- (X) Malpractice—medical—all matters relating to a doctor's failure to exercise the degree of care and skill that a physician or surgeon of the same medical specialty would use under similar circumstances.
- (Y) Malpractice—other professional—all matters relating to negligence of those other than medical or business professionals.
- (Z) Other—all civil matters not included in other categories.
- (AA) Antitrust/Trade regulation—all matters relating to unfair methods of competition or unfair or deceptive business acts or practices.
- (AB) Business transactions—all matters relating to actions that affect financial or economic interests.
- (AC) Constitutional challenge—statute or ordinance—a challenge to a statute or ordinance, citing a violation of the Florida Constitution.
- (AD) Constitutional challenge—proposed amendment—a challenge to a legislatively initiated proposed constitutional amendment, but excluding challenges to a citizen-initiated proposed constitutional amendment because the Florida Supreme Court has direct jurisdiction of such challenges.
- (AE) Corporate trusts—all matters relating to the business activities of financial services companies or banks acting in a fiduciary capacity for investors.

(AF) Discrimination—employment or other—all matters relating to discrimination, including employment, sex, race, age, handicap, harassment, retaliation, or wages.

(AG) Insurance claims—all matters relating to claims filed with an insurance company.

(AH) Intellectual property—all matters relating to intangible rights protecting commercially valuable products of the human intellect.

(AI) Libel/Slander—all matters relating to written, visual, oral, or aural defamation of character.

(AJ) Shareholder derivative action—all matters relating to actions by a corporation's shareholders to protect and benefit all shareholders against corporate management for improper management.

(AK) Securities litigation—all matters relating to the financial interest or instruments of a company or corporation.

(AL) Trade secrets—all matters relating to a formula, process, device, or other business information that is kept confidential to maintain an advantage over competitors.

(AM) Trust litigation—all civil matters involving guardianships, estates, or trusts and not appropriately filed in probate proceedings. County Civil

(AN) Civil – all matters involving claims ranging from \$8,001 through \$30,000 in damages, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney fees.

(AO) Real property/Mortgage foreclosure-all matters involving claims up to \$30,000 relating to the possession, title, or boundaries of real property. All matters involving foreclosures or sales of real property up to \$30,000, including foreclosures associate with condominium associations or condominium units.

(AP) Replevins—all lawsuits pursuant to Chapter 78, Florida Statutes, involving claims up to \$30,000.

(AQ) Evictions—all matters involving the recovery of possession of leased land or rental property by process of law.

(AR) Other civil (non-monetary)—includes all other non-monetary county civil matters that were not described in other county civil categories.

IV. Remedies Sought. Place an "X" on the appropriate line. If more than one remedy is sought in the complaint or petition, check all that apply.

V. Number of Causes of Action. If the complaint or petition alleges more than one cause of action, note the number and the name of the cause of action.

VI. Class Action. Place an "X" on the appropriate line.

VII. Related Cases. Place an "X" on the appropriate line.

VIII. Is Jury Trial Demanded In Complaint? Check the appropriate line to indicate whether a jury trial is being demanded in the complaint.

IX. Sexual Abuse. Plan an "X" on the appropriate line. ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE. Sign the civil cover sheet. Print legibly the name of the person signing the civil cover sheet. Attorneys must include a Florida Bar number. Insert the date the civil cover sheet is signed. Signature is a certification that the filer has provided accurate information on the civil cover sheet, and has read and complied with the requirements of Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.425.

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