

ADULT NAME CHANGE



How-To Guide

Self-Help Legal Access Centers

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Room 210
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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Room 107
Inglewood, CA 90301

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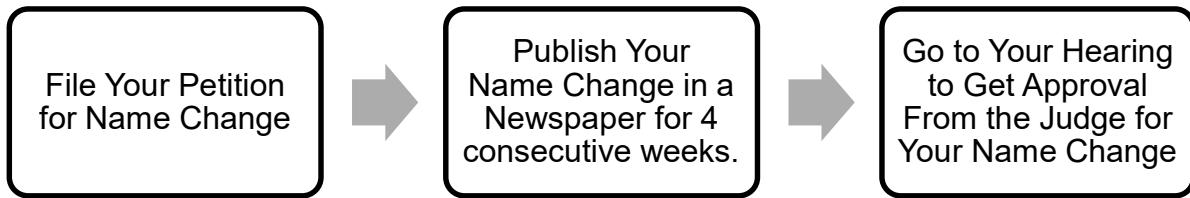
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This guide is designed to help you fill out the forms yourself. It is not intended to provide legal advice nor strategy as to how to complete the case. The information provided in this packet only presents options and examples. This is not a substitute for professional legal advice from an attorney.

Name Change Process



1. After filling out the forms, make one copy of each.
2. File the originals and the copies in Room _____ on the _____ floor if you are filing at the _____ courthouse.
3. Approximately 2 weeks after you file, you will get the NC-120 back from the Court with a Judge's signature or a stamp. This is the permission to publish.
4. Once you get your permission to publish (NC-120) go to the Newspaper that you chose to publish your name change and pay the required fee. It will publish your name change for 4 consecutive weeks. Once the newspaper has published the required time it will send proof to the Court. Request that the newspaper also send you a copy just in case the court never receives the proof of publication.
NOTE: It is important that you go to the Newspaper right after you get your permission to publish in the mail. Your hearing might be in 6 weeks, so if the newspaper has to publish for 4 weeks, you don't have a lot of time to waste.
5. Remember to go to your hearing. At the hearing, the Judge will sign the order for the name change. That order will be filed with clerk and placed in the Court's file. If you want, you can come back to the Court later and ask for a "certified copy" of the order. This copy will have the Judge's signature and will be certified by the clerk as copy of the original order.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NC-100-INFO

1. Where to File

- a. California residents: The petition for change of name must be filed in the superior court of the county where the person whose name is to be changed is a resident.
- b. Non-California residents: If the person whose name is to be changed is also requesting an order for the issuance of a new California marriage license and certificate, a new California birth certificate for the person whose name is to be changed, or a new California birth certificate for a minor or adult child of the person whose name is to be changed, the petition for change of name must be filed in the superior court of the county where the marriage took place, or where the birth certificate was issued.

2. Whose Name May Be Changed

The petition may be used to change your own name and, under certain circumstances, the names of others (e.g., children under 18 years of age).

3. Confidentiality of Certain Names

If you are a participant in the Secretary of State's address confidentiality program (Safe at Home), your current and proposed names may be kept confidential. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1277(b).) See *Information Sheet for Name Change Proceedings Under Address Confidentiality Program (Safe at Home)* (form NC-400-INFO) for additional instructions.

4. What Forms Are Required

Prepare an original and two copies of each of the following documents:

- a. *Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100)
- b. *Name and Information About the Person Whose Name Is to Be Changed* (form NC-110) (attach as many copies as necessary)
- c. *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name* (form NC-120) or, if applicable, *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-125)
- d. *Decree Changing Name* (form NC-130 or, for guardians, form NC-130G)
- e. *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010)

In addition, a guardian must prepare and attach a *Supplemental Attachment to Petition for Change of Name (Declaration of Guardian)* (form NC-110G) for each child whose name is to be changed.

Local courts may require additional local forms. Check with the court to determine if additional forms are required.

5. Filing and Filing Fee

Prepare an original *Civil Case Cover Sheet* (form CM-010). File the original petition and *Civil Case Cover Sheet* with the clerk of the court and obtain two filed-endorsed copies of the petition. A filing fee will be charged unless you qualify for a fee waiver. (If you want to apply for a fee waiver, see *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) and *Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001-INFO). There is no filing fee for minors in the State's address confidentiality program (Safe at Home).)

6. Requesting a Court Hearing Date and Obtaining the Order to Show Cause

You should request a date for the hearing on the *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name* (form NC-120) at least six weeks in the future. Take the completed form to the clerk's office. The clerk will provide the hearing date and location, obtain the judicial officer's signature, file the original, and give you a copy.

If you are changing your name to conform to gender identity, you need not request a hearing date. Instead, complete the *Order to Show Cause—Change of Name to Conform to Gender Identity* (form NC-125) and take the completed form to the clerk's office. The clerk will obtain the judicial officer's signature, file the original, and give you a copy.

7. Publishing the Order to Show Cause

In most cases, a copy of the *Order to Show Cause* must be published in a local newspaper of general circulation once a week for **at least four consecutive weeks** before the date of the hearing. You must select the newspaper from among those newspapers legally qualified to publish orders and notices. The newspaper used must file a Proof of Publication with the superior court before the hearing. If no newspaper of general circulation is published in the county, the court may order the *Order to Show Cause* to be posted by the clerk.

But you **do not have to publish** the order if the following applies:

- You are seeking to change a name to conform to your gender identity;
- You are a participant in the State Witness Program;
- You are a participant in the address confidentiality program, and the petition alleges that you are petitioning to avoid (a) domestic violence, (b) stalking, (c) sexual assault, or (d) human trafficking; or
- The name change is for a minor or nonminor dependent under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

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8. Name Change for Children

- a. If you are a petitioning parent requesting the name change for a child under 18 years of age, and one of the parents, if living, does not join in consenting to the name change, the petitioning parent must have a copy of the *Order to Show Cause* or notice of the time and place of the hearing served on the nonconsenting parent. Service must be made **at least 30 days prior to the hearing**, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40.
- b. If you are a petitioning parent or any other adult requesting the name change for a child **to conform to that child's gender identity** and a living parent does not join in the petition for the name change, you must have a copy of the petition and the *Order to Show Cause* served on the nonconsenting parent. Service must be made **within 30 days of the date the order is made by the court**, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40.
- c. If the nonconsenting parent resides in California, the order or notice must be personally served on the nonconsenting parent. You cannot personally serve this document.
- d. If the nonconsenting parent resides outside California, that parent may be served by sending a copy of the order or notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.
- e. If you are the guardian of a minor and filing a petition to change the name of that minor, you must (1) provide notice of the hearing to any living parent of the child by personal service at least 30 days before the hearing (or as in b above), or (2) if either or both parents are deceased or cannot be located, serve notice of the hearing on the child's grandparents, if living, not less than 30 days before the hearing, under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40. (*If the minor's name is being changed to conform to gender identity, these notices and orders for grandparents need not be completed or served.*)

If you have served a parent or grandparent, file a copy of the completed *Proof of Service of Order to Show Cause* (form NC-121) with the court before the hearing.

9. Name Change for Person in Jail or Prison or on Parole

If you are a person in county jail, or under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison, or on parole) you may file a petition to change your name, but must serve the petition on a government agency.

- If in county jail, you must provide a copy of the petition to the county sheriff's department. Check with the department as to how that should be done.
- If in state prison, you must provide a copy of the petition to the warden. Check with the warden's office as to how that should be done.
- If on parole, you must provide a copy of the petition to the regional parole administrator. Check with the administrator's office as to how that should be done.

After you have provided a copy to the sheriff, warden, or regional parole administrator, file a copy of the completed *Proof of Service By Mail* (form POS-030) with the court.

Note that the declaration on form NC-110 as to whether the petitioner is in jail or under jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is only for purposes of determining if service of the petition is required.

10. Court Hearing

If no written objection is filed at least two court days before the scheduled hearing, the court may grant the petition and sign the decree without a hearing. Check with the court to find out if a hearing will be held. If there is a hearing, bring copies of all documents to the hearing. If the judge grants the petition, the judge will sign the original decree.

If you filed a petition for name change to conform to gender identity, and timely objections were filed, the court may set a hearing date after receiving the objections. If it does, you will be sent a notice of the hearing date. Check with the court after the deadline for filing objections to see if a hearing date has been set. If there are no objections, the court will grant the petition and sign the decree without a hearing.

11. Requesting Accommodations for Disability

If you have a disability and need an accommodation to help you access your court hearing, you can use *Disability Accommodation Request* (form MC-410) to make your request. You can also ask the court's ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court* (form MC-410-INFO).

12. Issuance of New Birth Certificate

If you were born in California and want to amend a birth certificate to show the name change, you should contact the following office:

California Department of Public Health
Vital Records - MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Phone: 916-445-2684
website: www.cdph.ca.gov

Local courts may supplement these instructions. Check with the court to determine whether supplemental information is available. For instance, the court may provide you with additional written information identifying the department that handles name change petitions, the times when petitions are heard, and the newspapers that may be used to publish the *Order to Show Cause*.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: Print Your Current Full Name FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: Print Your Address CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: Print Your Phone # E-MAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): Print "Self-Represented"	STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Print "Los Angeles" STREET ADDRESS: Print Court's Complete Address MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:		
PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): Print Your Current First, Middle and Last Name		
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME		CASE NUMBER: Leave Blank

Before you complete this petition, read the *Instructions for Filing a Petition for Change of Name* (form NC-100-INFO). (To change your name as part of a petition to recognize a change of gender, and obtain a new California birth certificate for yourself or your child, or a marriage certificate reflecting those changes, use form NC-300.)

- Petitioner (present name): Print Your Current First, Middle and Last Name (check a or b)
 - resides in this county.
 - does not live in California. **Select (A) or (B) depending on your situation.**
 - wants a name change in this county.
 - wants a name change on their or their child's birth certificate, which was issued in this county.
- Petitioner requests that the court decree the following name changes (list every name that you are seeking to change):

Present name	Proposed name
a. Print Your Current First, Middle and Last Name	changed to Print New First, Middle and Last Name
b.	changed to
c.	changed to

Continued (If you are seeking to change additional names, you must prepare a list and attach it to this petition as Attachment 2.)
- Petitioner states that this petition is filed in the following county. Use why this is the proper county to file this petition.

Use why this is the proper county to file this petition.
- The number of children born to the petitioner.

Use why this is the proper county to file this petition.
- If this petitioner is filing this petition on behalf of another person, list the names of the persons and attach a copy of the power of attorney or other document authorizing this person to file this petition.
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- This petition is filed in the following county to obtain a change of name for the following person(s).

Use why this is the proper county to file this petition.
- For each person whose name is being changed, list the following information.
 - Number of children born to this person
 - f. (The following information applies to each person whose name is being changed)

LEAVE SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7 BLANK

PETITION OF (name of petitioner or petitioners):

CASE NUMBER:

Print Your Current First, Middle and Last Name

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Leave Blank

**NAME AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON
WHOSE NAME IS TO BE CHANGED**

Attachment of

Attachment to Petition (form NC-100, form NC-300, or form NC-500)

(You must use a **separate** attachment for each person whose name is to be changed. If petitioner is a guardian of a minor, a declaration of guardian (form NC-110G) must also be completed and attached for each minor whose name is to be changed.)

7. (Continued) Petitioner applies for a decree to change the name of the following person:

b. Self Other

(1) Present name (specify): Print Your Current First, Middle and Last Name

(2) Proposed name (specify): Print Your Proposed First, Middle and Last Name

(3) Born on (date of birth): Print Your Date of Birth

and presently under 18 years of age 18 years of age or older

(4) Born at (place of birth): Print Your Place of Birth

(5) Sex (as stated on original birth certificate): Male Female

(6) Current residence address (street, city, county, state, and zip code):

Print Your Current Complete Address

Select Sex (as stated on birth certificate)

c. Reason for name change (explain):

Explain why you want to change your name.

Answer whether or not you are in state prison and/or on parole.

d. Relationship of the petitioner to the person whose name will be changed:

(1) Self (4) Guardian ad litem or attorney for minor appointed by juvenile

(2) Parent (5) Near relative (indicate relationship):

(3) Guardian (6) Other (specify):

e. If the person whose name will be changed is under 18 years of age, provide the names and addresses, if known, of the following persons:

(1) Parent

(2) Parent

(3) (Only if

LEAVE SECTION e. BLANK

Answer whether or not you are required to register as a sex offender.

f. If the person whose name will be changed is 18 years of age or older, that person must sign the following declaration:

DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that (check one) I am not I am under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (in state prison or on parole) or in county jail and (check one) I am not I am required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290.

Date: Print Date

Print Your Current Name

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PERSON WHOSE NAME IS TO BE CHANGED)

Sign Your Current Name

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHOSE NAME IS TO BE CHANGED)

(If petitioner is represented by an attorney, the attorney's signature follows):

Date:

LEAVE THIS SECTION ABOUT AN ATTORNEY BLANK

(Each petitioner must sign this petition in the space provided below or, if additional pages are attached, at the end of the last attachment.) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.

Date: Print Date

Print Your Current Name

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

Sign Your Current Name

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

ADD ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE LINES FOR ADDITIONAL PETITIONERS

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONERS FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY	STATE BAR NUMBER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
NAME: Print Your Current Full Name		
FIRM NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS: Print Your Address	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
CITY:		
TELEPHONE NO.: Print Your Phone #	FAX NO.:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
ATTORNEY FOR (name): Print "Self-Represented"		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Print "Los Angeles"		
STREET ADDRESS: Print Court's Complete Address		
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY AND ZIP CODE:		
BRANCH NAME:		
PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): Print Your Current First, Middle and Last Name	FOR CHANGE OF NAME	
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE—CHANGE OF NAME		CASE NUMBER: Leave Blank

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner (name): _____ filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
a. Print Your Current First, Middle and Last Name	to Print Your Proposed First, Middle and Last Name
b. _____	to _____
c. _____	to _____
d. _____	to _____
e. _____	to _____

Continued on Attachment 1.

2. THE COURT ORGANIZATION: _____ LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK
show cause, if any, _____ indicated below to
described above _____ the name changes
is scheduled to be _____ days before the matter
objection is timely _____ wanted. If no written

a. Date: _____

b. The address of the court is same as noted above other (specify): _____

(To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.)

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation:
 (for resident of this county) printed in this county (specify paper): Print Name of Proposed Newspaper You
 (for other petitioners) printed in the county in which petitioner resides or, if no county, in the local subdivision or territory where petitioner resides.

b. Other (specify): _____

Date: _____ LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK

(If petitioner is requesting change of name of a minor, see Note Regarding Petition for Minors on page 2.)

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NOTE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR MINORS

When a *Petition for Change of Name* has been filed for a child by one parent and the other parent, if living, does not join in consenting to the name change, the petitioner must have a notice of the time and place of the hearing or a copy of the *Order to Show Cause* served on the other parent not less than 30 days prior to the hearing under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40.

If a petition to change the name of a child has been filed by a guardian, the guardian must (1) provide notice of the hearing to any living parent of the child by personal service at least 30 days before the hearing, or (2) if either or both parents are deceased or cannot be located, serve notice of the hearing on the child's grandparents, if living, not less than 30 days before the hearing under Code of Civil Procedure section 413.10, 414.10, 415.10, or 415.40.

(This Note is included for the information of the petitioner and is not to be included in the Order to Show Cause published in the newspaper.)

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: PRINT YOUR CURRENT FULL NAME	STATE BAR NUMBER:	
FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: PRINT YOUR ADDRESS	STATE: ZIP CODE:	
CITY: TELEPHONE NO. PRINT YOUR PHONE #	FAX NO.:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name): PRINT "SELF-REPRESENTED"		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
STREET ADDRESS: PRINT COURT'S ADDRESS		
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY AND ZIP CODE:		
BRANCH NAME:		
PETITION OF (name of each petitioner): PRINT YOUR CURRENT FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME		
FOR CHANGE OF NAME		
DECREE CHANGING NAME		CASE NUMBER: LEAVE BLANK

1. The petition was duly considered:
 a. at the hearing on (date): in Courtroom: of the above-entitled court.
 b. without hearing

THE COURT FINDS

2. a. All notices required by law have been served.
 b. Each person who was served is not This determination was made by the court by a **LEAVE SECTION 1 AND 2 BLANK.** provided to the clerk of the court by a **LEAVE SECTION 1 AND 2 BLANK.** the petition should be granted.
 c. No objection was made to the petition.
 d. Objections to the petition were made by **LEAVE SECTION 1 AND 2 BLANK.** the petition should be granted.
 e. It appears to the court that the petition should be granted.
 f. Other findings (if any):

THE COURT ORDERS

3. The name of

Present nameNew name

a. **PRINT YOUR CURRENT FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAME** is changed to **PRINT YOUR PROPOSED FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME**
 b. **NAME** is changed to **LAST NAME**
 c. **is changed to**
 d. **is changed to**

Additional name changes are listed on Attachment 3.

Date: **LEAVE BLANK****LEAVE BLANK**

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

 SIGNATURE OF JUDGE FOLLOWS LAST ATTACHMENT

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CONFIDENTIAL

NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY:	STATE BAR NUMBER	For Court Use Only
PRINT Current Full PRINT Complete Address		
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): PRINT "Self-Represented"		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: PRINT Court's Address		
NAME OF PETITIONER: PRINT Your CURRENT First, Middle and Last Name		
NAME CHANGE CRIMINAL HISTORY ASSESSMENT		CASE NUMBER: COURT DATE:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER:

Sex	Race/Ethnicity	Date of Birth	Age	Social Security	Driver's License or ID / State
Place of Birth	ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF.				

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form is true and correct.

PRINT Date _____

Date

SIGN YOUR NAME _____

Signature

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CLERK:

- Based on the information provided, the identity of the Petitioner cannot be verified.
- Based on a JDIC/CLETS automated search by name and the date of birth provided, no arrest, conviction, or wa
- There is no hit required to register as a _____
OR
- There is a hit or conviction, but the Petitioner does not need to register as a _____
- Comments: _____

LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK

Date: _____

Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY		STATE BAR NUMBER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
NAME:	FIRM NAME:	STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY:	TELEPHONE NO.:	EMAIL ADDRESS:	DE:
ATTORNEY FOR (name): Print "Self-Represented"			
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Print "Los Angeles"			
STREET ADDRESS: Print Filing Court's Address			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CITY AND ZIP CODE:			
BRANCH NAME:			
CASE NAME: Print Your Your CURRENT Legal First, Middle and Last Name			
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$35,000)		Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)	CASE NUMBER: Leave Blank
			JUDGE: DEPT.:

Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check **one** box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort	Contract	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.404)
<input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06)	<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
<input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10)
Asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40)
<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28)
Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	<input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
<input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24)	Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive groundwater adjudication (47)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33)	
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	<input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/Unfair business practice (07)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of Judgment
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20)
<input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19)	Judicial Review	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition re arbitration award (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02)	Miscellaneous Civil Petition
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	Employment Development Department (EDD)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)
	<input type="checkbox"/> EDD decision review (48)	Print "Adult Name Change"

2. Is this case complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court? Yes No

If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

- a. Large number of separately represented parties
- b. Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve
- c. Substantial amount of documentary evidence
- d. Large number of witnesses
- e. Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
- f. Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision

3. Remedies sought (*check all that apply*):

- a. monetary
- b. nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief
- c. punitive

4. Number of causes of action (*specify*):

5. Is this case a class action suit? Yes No

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (*You may use form CM-015.*)

Date: Print Date

Print your CURRENT First, Middle and Last Name

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

► Sign Your Current Name

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 of the California Rules of Court or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you **must** complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on pages 1 and 2. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 of the California Rules of Court is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$35,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.



CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

Auto (22)–Personal Injury/Property Damage/
Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) (*if the case involves
an uninsured motorist claim subject to
arbitration, check this item instead of Auto*)

Asbestos

Asbestos (04)
Asbestos Property Damage
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
**Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/
Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort**
Product Liability (*not asbestos or toxic/
environmental*) (24)
Medical Malpractice (45)
Medical Malpractice–Physicians &
Surgeons
Other Professional Health Care
Malpractice
Other PI/PD/WD (23)
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g.,
assault, vandalism)
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress
Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest)
(*not civil harassment*) (08)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)
Fraud (16)
Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
Legal Malpractice
Other Professional Malpractice (*not
medical or legal*)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)
Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (*not
unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction*)
Contract/Warranty Breach–Seller Plaintiff
(*not fraud or negligence*)
Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book
accounts) (09)
Collections Case–Seller Plaintiff
Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
Insurance Coverage (*not provisionally
complex*) (18)
Auto Subrogation
Other Coverage
Other Contract (37)
Contractual Fraud
Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
Wrongful Eviction (33)
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
Mortgage Foreclosure
Quiet Title
Other Real Property (*not eminent
domain, landlord-tenant, or
foreclosure*)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)
Residential (32)
Drugs (38) (*if the case involves illegal drugs,
check this item; otherwise, report as
Commercial or Residential*)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition re Arbitration Award (11)
Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ–Administrative Mandamus
Writ–Mandamus on Limited Court Case
Matter
Writ–Other Limited Court Case Review
Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order
Notice of Appeal–Labor Commissioner
Appeals

Employment Development Department (EDD)

EDD Decision Review (48) (*if the case
involves an Employment Development
Department decision, check this item
instead of Wrongful Termination or Other
Employment*)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal.)**Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)**

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication
(47)
Insurance Coverage Claims (*arising from
provisionally complex case type listed
above*) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (*non-domestic
relations*)
Sister-State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award (*not unpaid
taxes*)
Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment
on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)
Other Complaint (*not specified above*) (42)
Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief
Only (*non-harassment*)
Mechanic's Lien
Other Commercial Complaint Case (*non-
tort/non-complex*)
Other Civil Complaint (*non-tort/non-
complex*)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Other Petition (*not specified above*) (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
Election Contest
Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Civil Petition

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION**(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)****This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court**

Step 1: After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.

Step 2: In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (Column C)

1. Class Actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.	7. Location where petitioner resides.
2. Permissive filing in Central District.	8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
3. Location where cause of action arose.	9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
4. Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.	10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
5. Location where performance required, or defendant resides.	11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection).
6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.	

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (see Step 3 above)
Auto Tort	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2201 Motor Vehicle – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4601 Uninsured Motorist – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death	Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2301 Premise Liability (e.g., dangerous conditions of property, slip/trip and fall, dog attack, etc.)	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2302 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, battery, vandalism, etc.)	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2303 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2304 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2305 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse/Claims Against Skilled Nursing Facility	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2306 Intentional Conduct – Sexual Abuse Case (in any form)	1, 4

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (see Step 3 above)
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2307 Construction Accidents	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2308 Landlord – Tenant Habitability (e.g., bed bugs, mold, etc.)	1, 4
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death	Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2401 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/ environmental)	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2402 Product Liability – Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act (CA Civil Code §§1790-1795.8) (Lemon Law)	1, 3, 5
	Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4501 Medical Malpractice – Physicians & Surgeons	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4502 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4
Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0701 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud or breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
	Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0801 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
	Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1301 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
	Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1601 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
	Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2501 Legal Malpractice	1, 2, 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2502 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3
	Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3501 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage Tort	1, 2, 3
Employment	Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3601 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
	Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1501 Other Employment Complaint Case	1, 2, 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1502 Labor Commissioner Appeals	10
Contract	Breach of Contract / Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0601 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongfule eviction)	2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0602 Contract/Warranty Breach – Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)	2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0603 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)	1, 2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0604 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud/ negligence)	1, 2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0605 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (COVID-19 Rental Debt)	2, 5
	Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0901 Collections Case – Seller Plaintiff	5, 6, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0902 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	5, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0903 Collections Case – Purchased Debt (charged off consumer debt purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0904 Collections Case – COVID-19 Rental Debt	5, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1801 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (see Step 3 above)
Contract (Continued)	Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3701 Contractual Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 3702 Tortious Interference <input type="checkbox"/> 3703 Other Contract Dispute (not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
Real Property	Eminent Domain/ Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1401 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of Parcels _____	2, 6
	Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3301 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
	Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2601 Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 2602 Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> 2603 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2, 6 2, 6 2, 6
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer – Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3101 Unlawful Detainer – Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer – Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3201 Unlawful Detainer – Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer – Post Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3401 Unlawful Detainer – Post Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer – Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3801 Unlawful Detainer – Drugs	2, 6, 11
Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0501 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1101 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0201 Writ – Administrative Mandamus <input type="checkbox"/> 0202 Writ – Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter <input type="checkbox"/> 0203 Writ – Other Limited Court Case Review	2, 8 2 2
	Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3901 Other Writ/Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> 3902 Administrative Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> 3903 Parking Appeal	2, 8 2, 8 2, 8
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0301 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
	Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0401 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 0402 Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11 1, 11

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (see Step 3 above)
Provisionally Complex Litigation (Continued)	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1001 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4001 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2801 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3001 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4101 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2001 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2002 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2004 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2005 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment Unpaid Tax	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2006 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2701 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
	Other Complaints (not specified above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4201 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4202 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4203 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/noncomplex)	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4204 Other Civil	Circle #2: If you will file your Name Change in Central District (Downtown Los Angeles Courthouse). 1, 2, 8
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2101 Partnership	2, 8
	Other Petitions (not specified above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4301 Civil Harassment	Circle #7: If you will file your Name Change at the courthouse where you reside. 2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4302 Workplace	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4303 Elder/Depend	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4304 Election Contest	2
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4305 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender	2, 7
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4306 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2, 3, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4307 Other Civil Petition	2, 9

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Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address, which is the basis for the filing location including

Check the box in front of the number you circled above.

REASON

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ADDRESS:

Print Your Street Address

CITY:
Print Your City

STATE:
Print Your
State

ZIP CODE:
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Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code of Civ. Proc., 392 et seq., and LASC Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)]

Dated: Print Date

Sign Your Current Name

(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet Judicial Council form CIV 109 (01/23).
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form LASC CIV 109 (01/23).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is a court order for waiver, partial or schedule payments.
6. A signed order appointing a Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court to issue a Summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the Summons and Complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

Print the district of the court you will be filing in. You can find information about the court's district on lacourt.org under Courthouses.