



See you in court!

***Starting a Civil Lawsuit
in the
Sacramento Superior Court***

Scope



- What this course is:
 - Basic overview of civil court process, in Sacramento County Superior Court.
 - Instructions on filing a simple breach of contract or personal injury case.
 - Hints on how to find additional information.
- What this course is not:
 - Exhaustive and detailed.
 - Instructions on specific details of more complicated cases.

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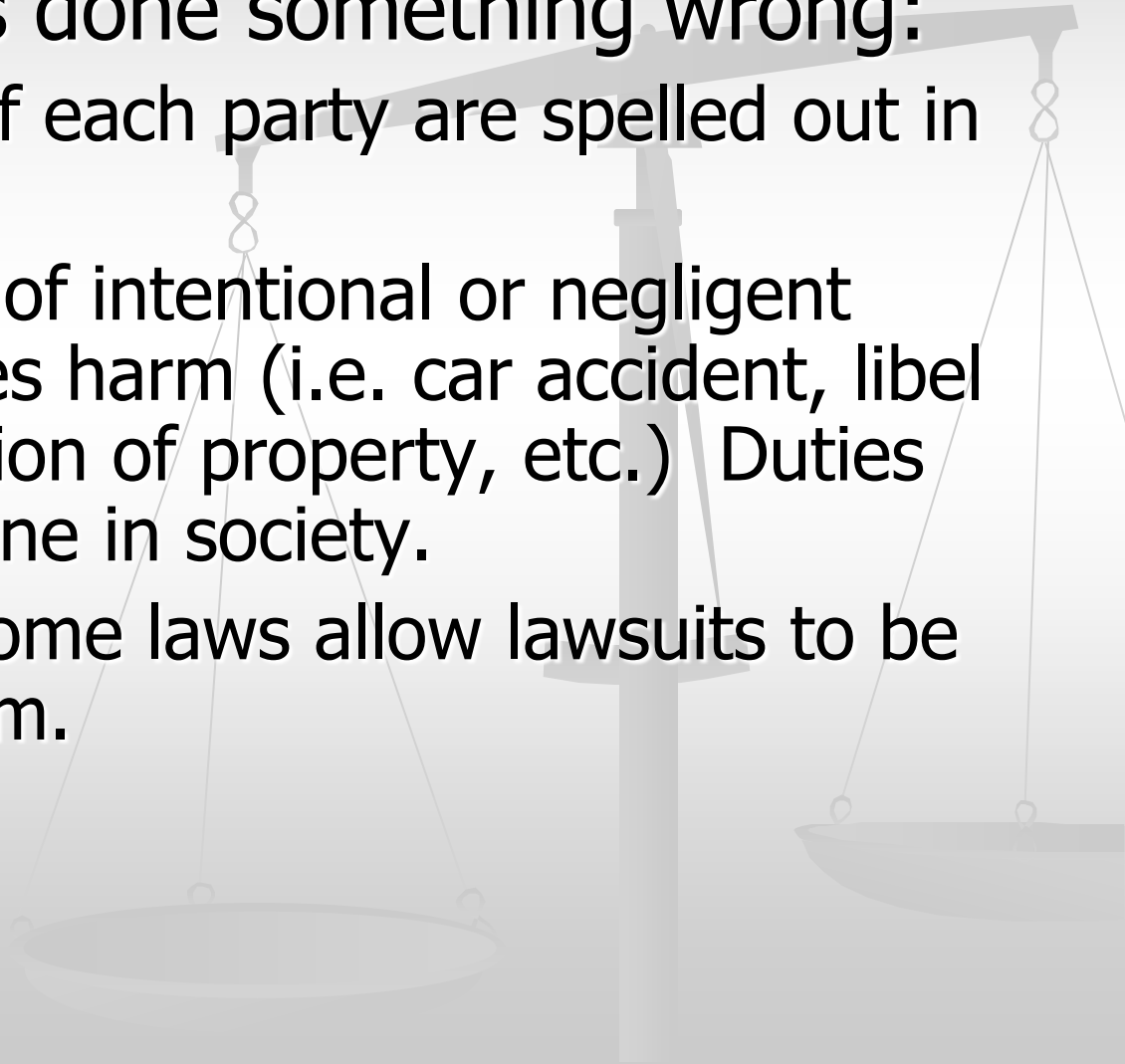


- Some topics not covered:
 - Filing lawsuits in federal courts.
 - Handling cases in Small Claims Court.
 - Handling cases in Family or Probate Court.
 - Handling criminal cases or traffic court cases.
 - Complex litigation and class action lawsuits.
 - In-depth litigation strategy

Why file a lawsuit?

The Defendant has done something wrong:

- Contract – Duties of each party are spelled out in the contract.
- Tort: Certain types of intentional or negligent behavior that causes harm (i.e. car accident, libel or slander, conversion of property, etc.) Duties are owed to everyone in society.
- Statutory claims: Some laws allow lawsuits to be filed to enforce them.

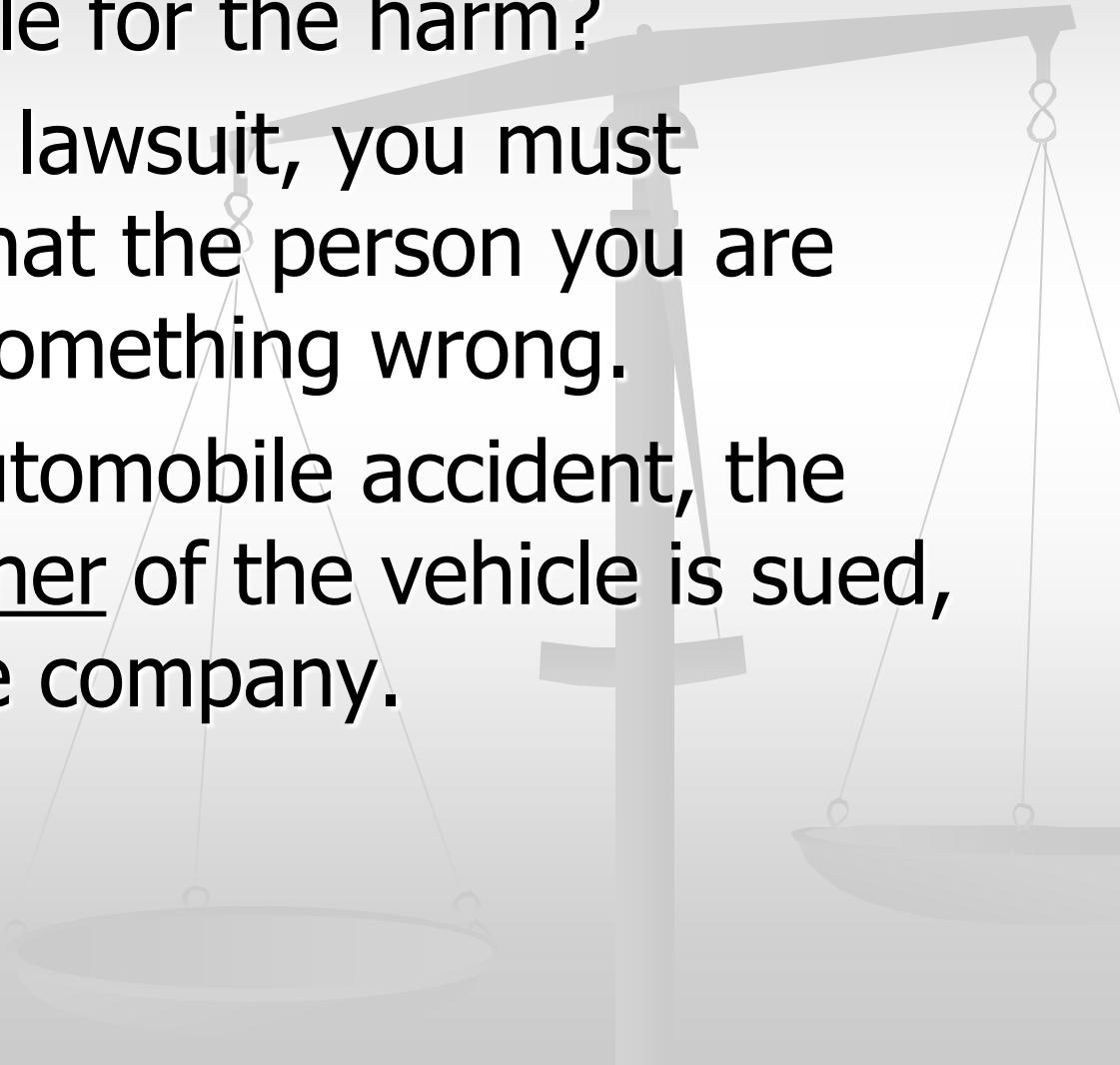


Alternatives to Superior Court

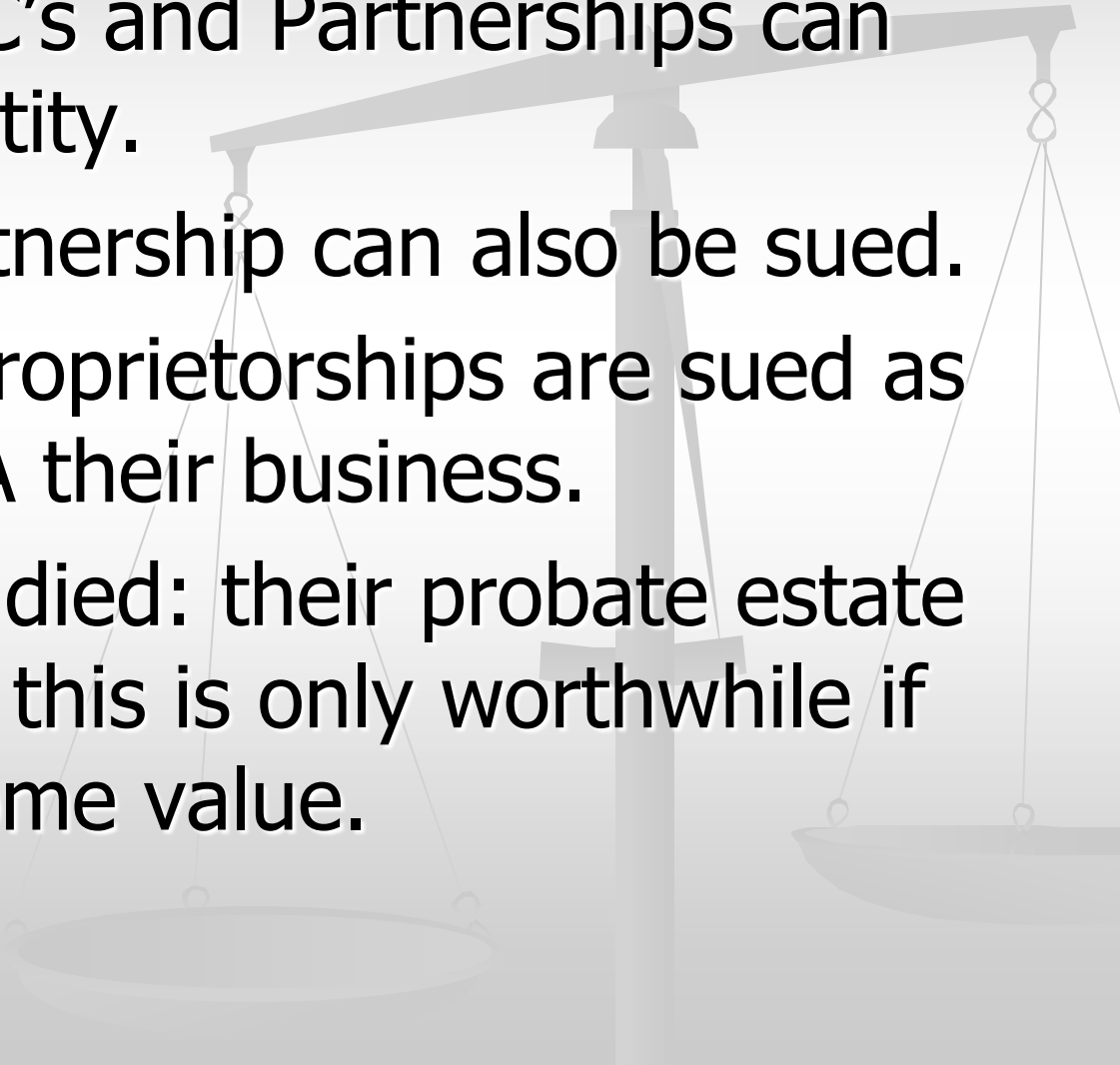


- Settlement
- Mediation: neutral third party helps parties settle
- Arbitration: neutral third party decides the case
- Small Claims Court- Cases under \$7,500 for individuals, \$5,000 for businesses. Faster and less expensive, but not suitable for all types of cases.

Who to sue?

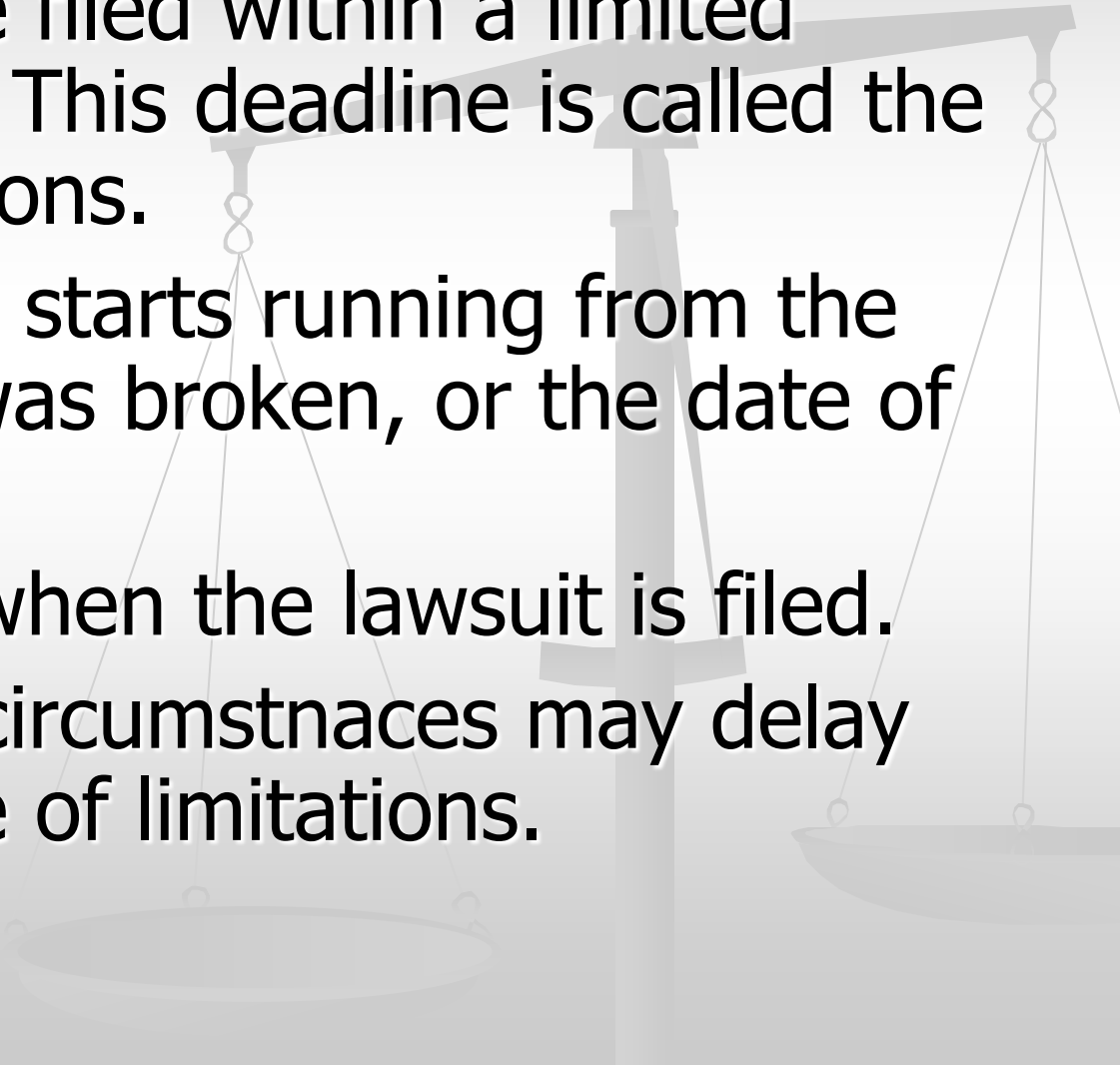
- Who is responsible for the harm?
 - In order to win a lawsuit, you must generally show that the person you are suing has done something wrong.
 - If suing for an automobile accident, the driver and/or owner of the vehicle is sued, not the insurance company.
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Who to sue? (continued)

- Corporations, LLC's and Partnerships can be sued as an entity.
 - Partners in a partnership can also be sued.
 - Owners of sole proprietorships are sued as an individual DBA their business.
 - If defendant has died: their probate estate can be sued, but this is only worthwhile if the estate has some value.
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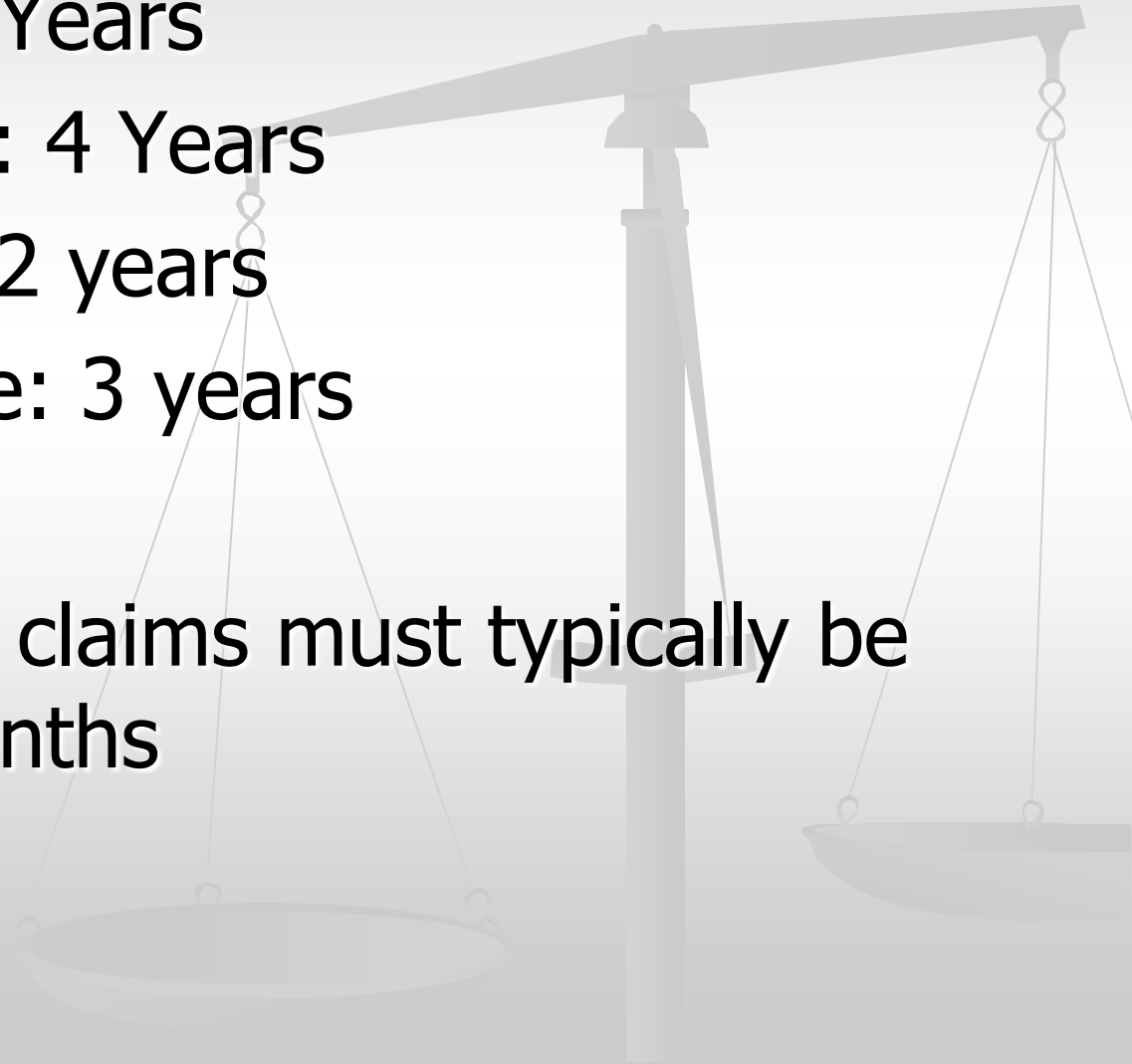
Before you sue:

The statute of limitations

- Lawsuits must be filed within a limited amount of time. This deadline is called the statute of limitations.
 - The clock usually starts running from the date a contract was broken, or the date of injury.
 - The clock stops when the lawsuit is filed.
 - Some events or circumstances may delay or toll the statute of limitations.
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Common Statutes of Limitation

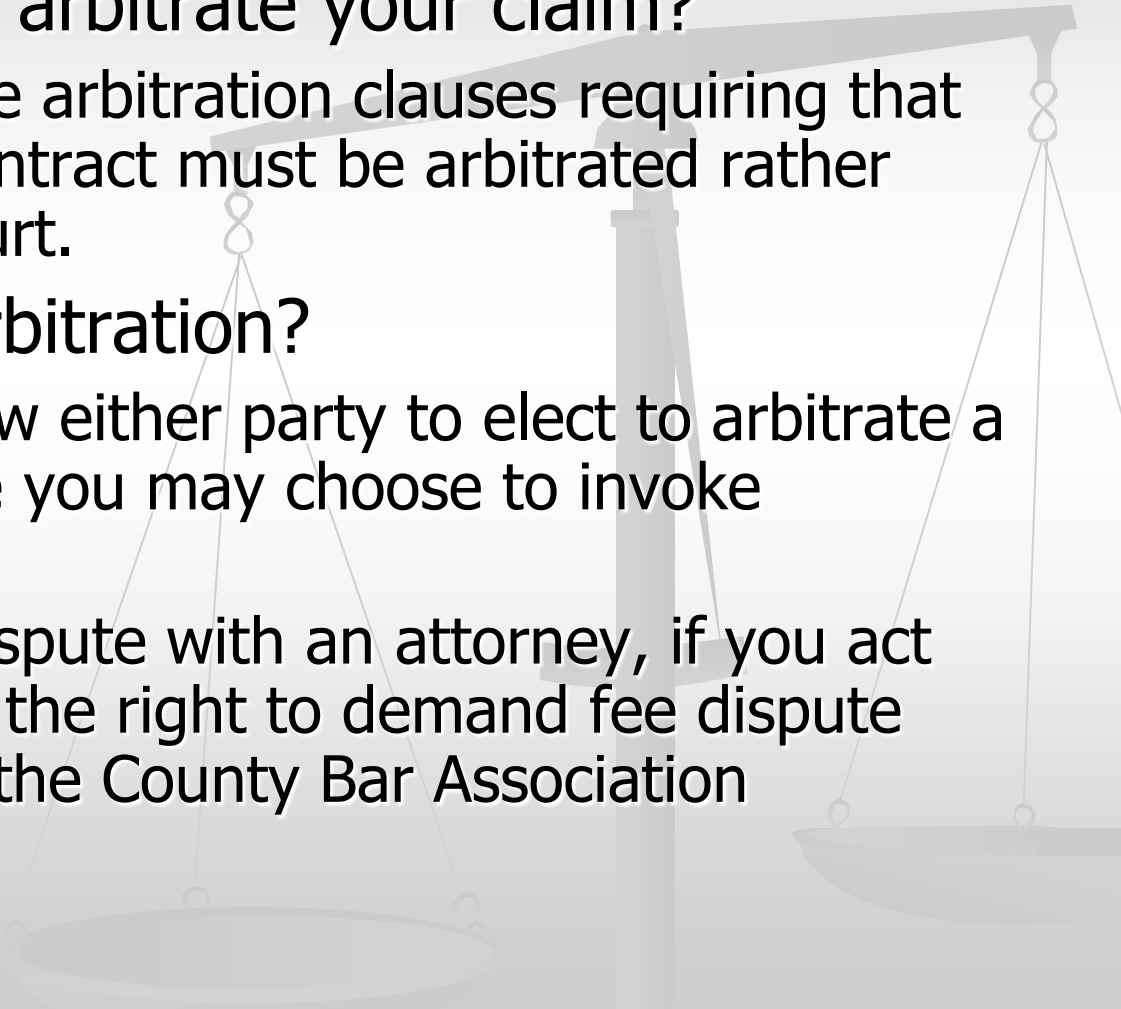
- Oral Contract: 2 Years
- Written Contract: 4 Years
- Personal Injury: 2 years
- Property Damage: 3 years
- Fraud: 3 years
- Government tort claims must typically be filed within 6 months



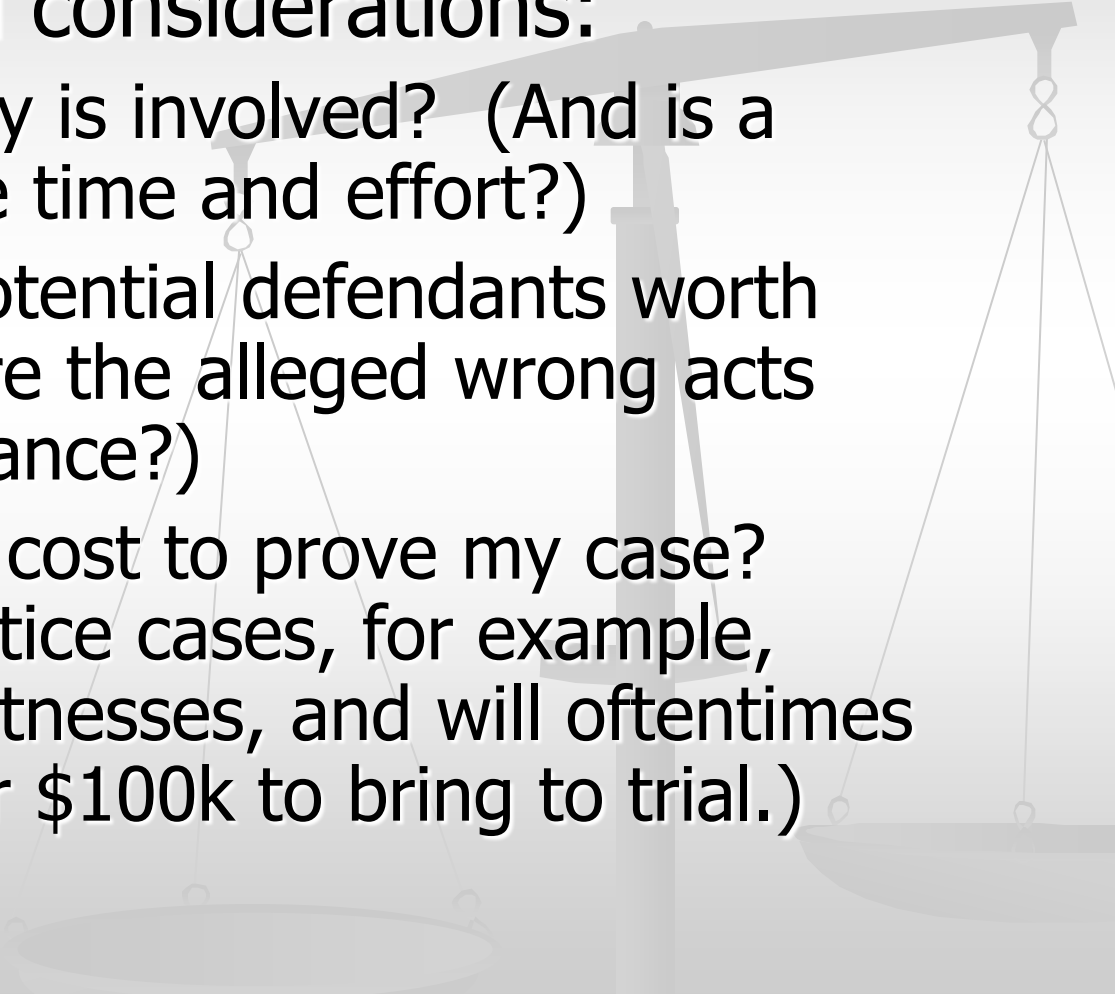
Before you choose to sue...

- Do you need to comply with a claims statute?
 - Most governmental entities and employees are immune from lawsuit unless a claim was promptly filed pursuant to the Governmental Torts Claims Act (Gov. C. 810 *et seq.*)
 - 42 USC 1983 civil rights claims are a significant exception to the claim requirement, since they are based on Federal law.
 - Wrongful termination/Discrimination cases are first filed through the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (often concurrently with a claim through the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)

Before you choose to sue...

- Are you required to arbitrate your claim?
 - Many contracts have arbitration clauses requiring that claims under the contract must be arbitrated rather than brought to Court.
 - Can you demand arbitration?
 - Some contracts allow either party to elect to arbitrate a claim, in which case you may choose to invoke arbitration
 - If you have a fee dispute with an attorney, if you act promptly, you have the right to demand fee dispute arbitration through the County Bar Association
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Before you choose to sue...

- Practical financial considerations:
 - How much money is involved? (And is a lawsuit worth the time and effort?)
 - Are any of the potential defendants worth anything? (Or are the alleged wrong acts covered by insurance?)
 - How much will it cost to prove my case? (Medical malpractice cases, for example, require expert witnesses, and will oftentimes cost \$60k to over \$100k to bring to trial.)
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Where to File: Jurisdiction



Certain actions or circumstances give California Court's the power to hear a case. This is called having jurisdiction. The most common ways that California Court's have jurisdiction over an issue:

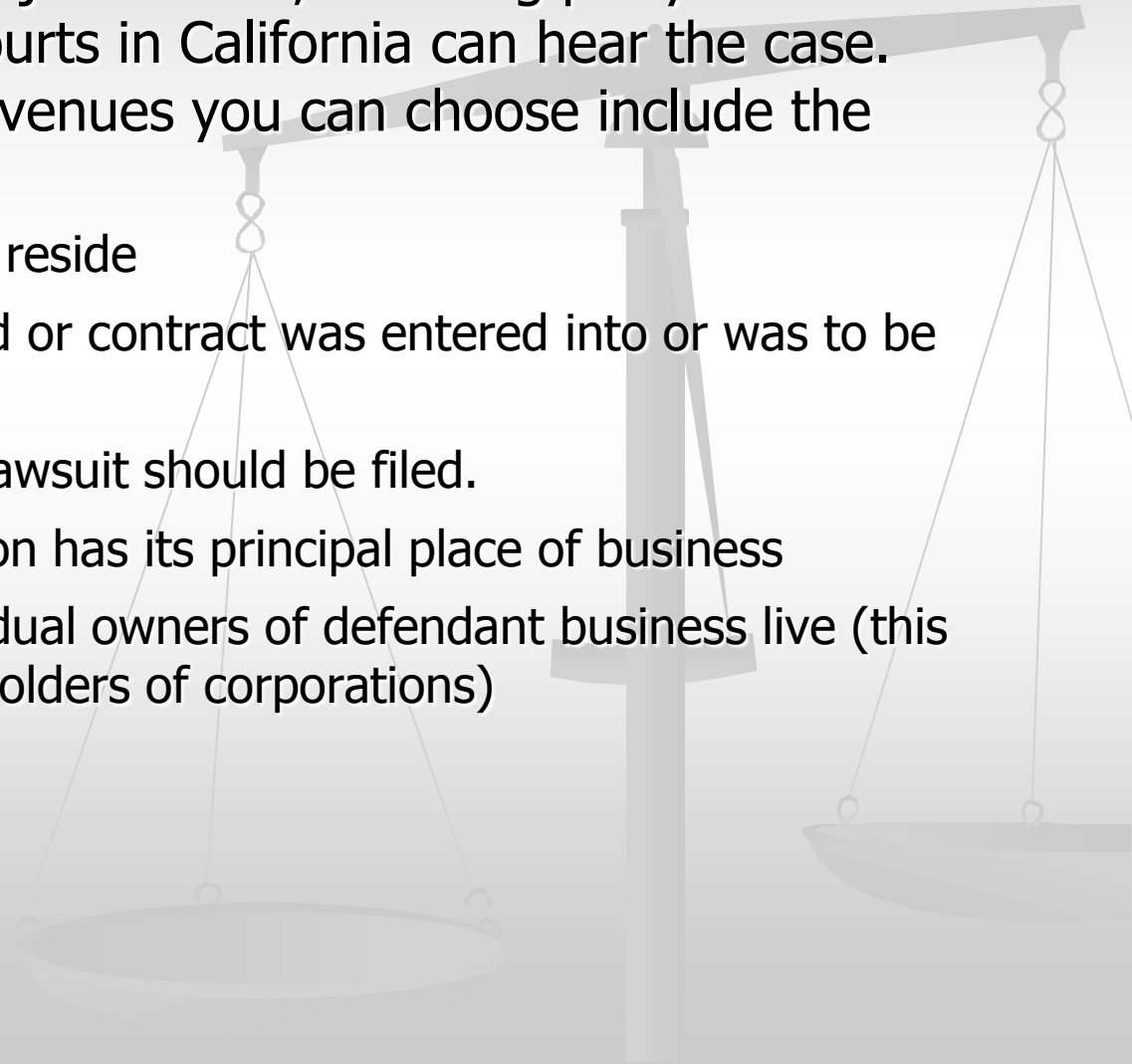
- Defendant lives or does business in California.
- Damage or injury occurred in California.
- Out-of-state business has significant contact with California

Please note that California has no jurisdiction over federal agencies, so any lawsuits against the federal government must be brought in federal court.

Where to File: Venue

Assuming that the court has jurisdiction, the filing party must determine which court or courts in California can hear the case. This is called venue. Some venues you can choose include the county where:

- One or more defendants reside
- The injury (tort) occurred or contract was entered into or was to be performed
- The contract states the lawsuit should be filed.
- The defendant corporation has its principal place of business
- Where partners or individual owners of defendant business live (this does not apply to shareholders of corporations)



What forms do I need to fill out?



- **Mandatory:**

- Civil Case Cover Sheet (CM-010)
- Summons (SUM-100)
- Complaint (will be discussed in more detail)

- **Optional:**

- Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (FW-001)
- Order on Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (FW-003)
- Statement of Damages (CIV-050, for personal injury cases, lets the other side know the amount of damages requested.)
- Case Questionnaire (DISC-010, for limited cases claiming less than \$25,000, only)

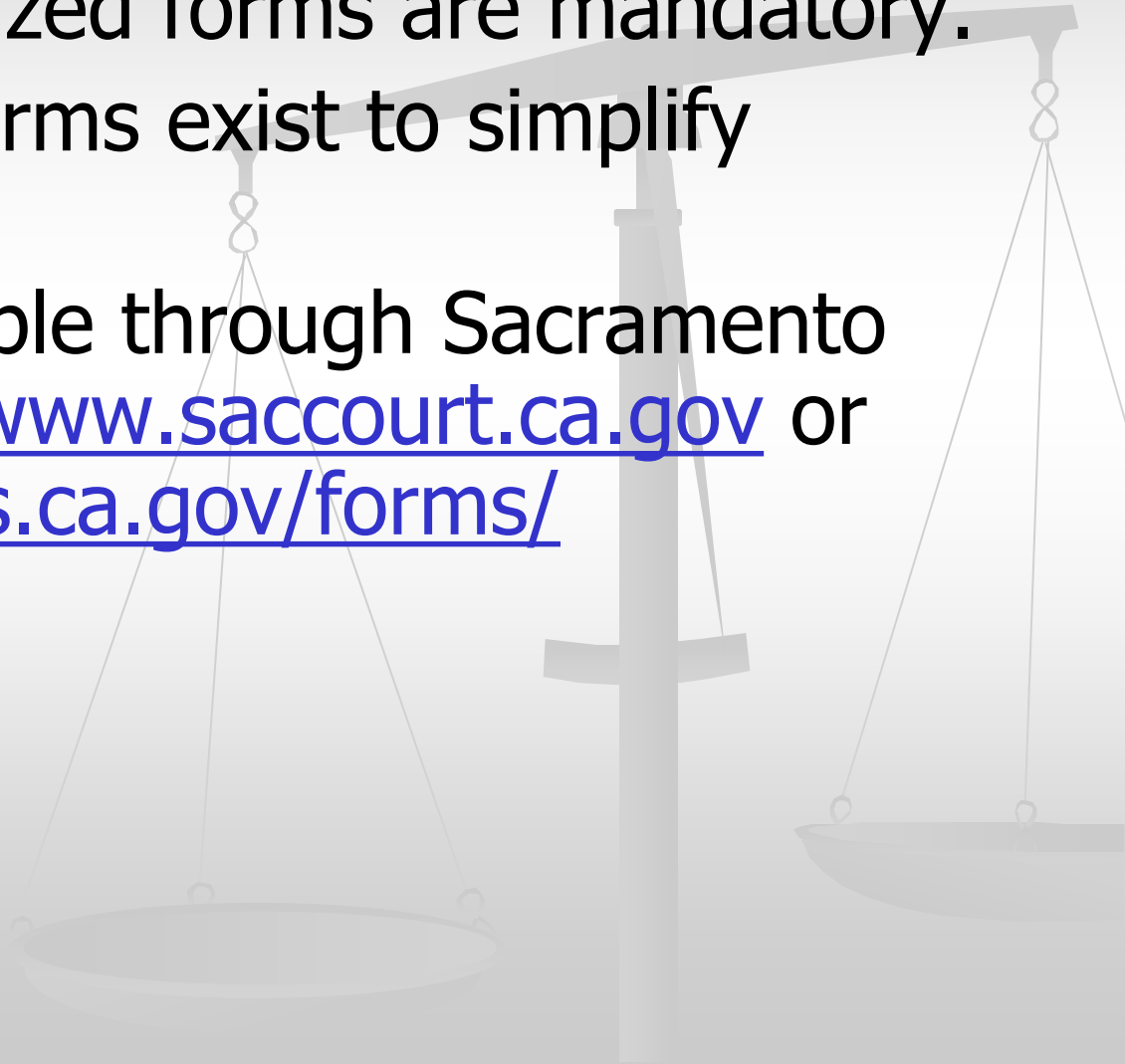
The Complaint: Overview



- Purpose of the complaint is to let the Defendant know what they're being sued for, and what relief is sought
- A Complaint must:
 - Identify the parties and their capacity
 - Have at least one cause of action
 - Each cause of action must allege specific facts sufficient to constitute each element of the cause of action
 - Identify the relief requested

Judicial Council Forms

- Certain standardized forms are mandatory.
- Some optional forms exist to simplify common tasks.
- Forms are available through Sacramento Court website: www.saccourt.ca.gov or from www.courts.ca.gov/forms/

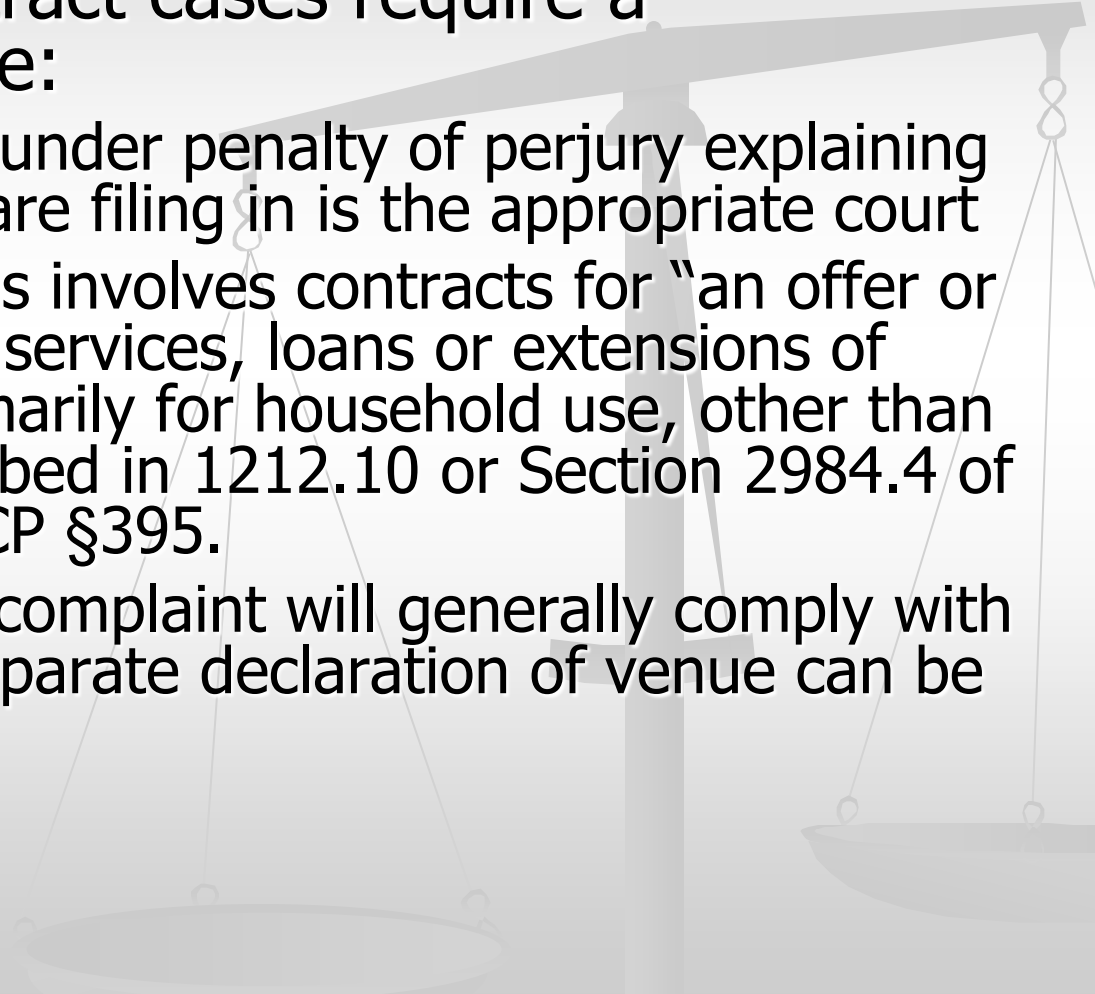


The Contract Complaint



- Can draft a complaint on pleading paper; or
- Can use Judicial Council forms:
 - Complaint- Contract (PLD-C-001)
 - One or more cause of action attachments, commonly:
 - Breach of Contract (PLD-C-001(1))
 - Common Counts (PLD-C-001(2))
 - Fraud (PLD-C-001(3))
 - Can also use other cause of action attachments.

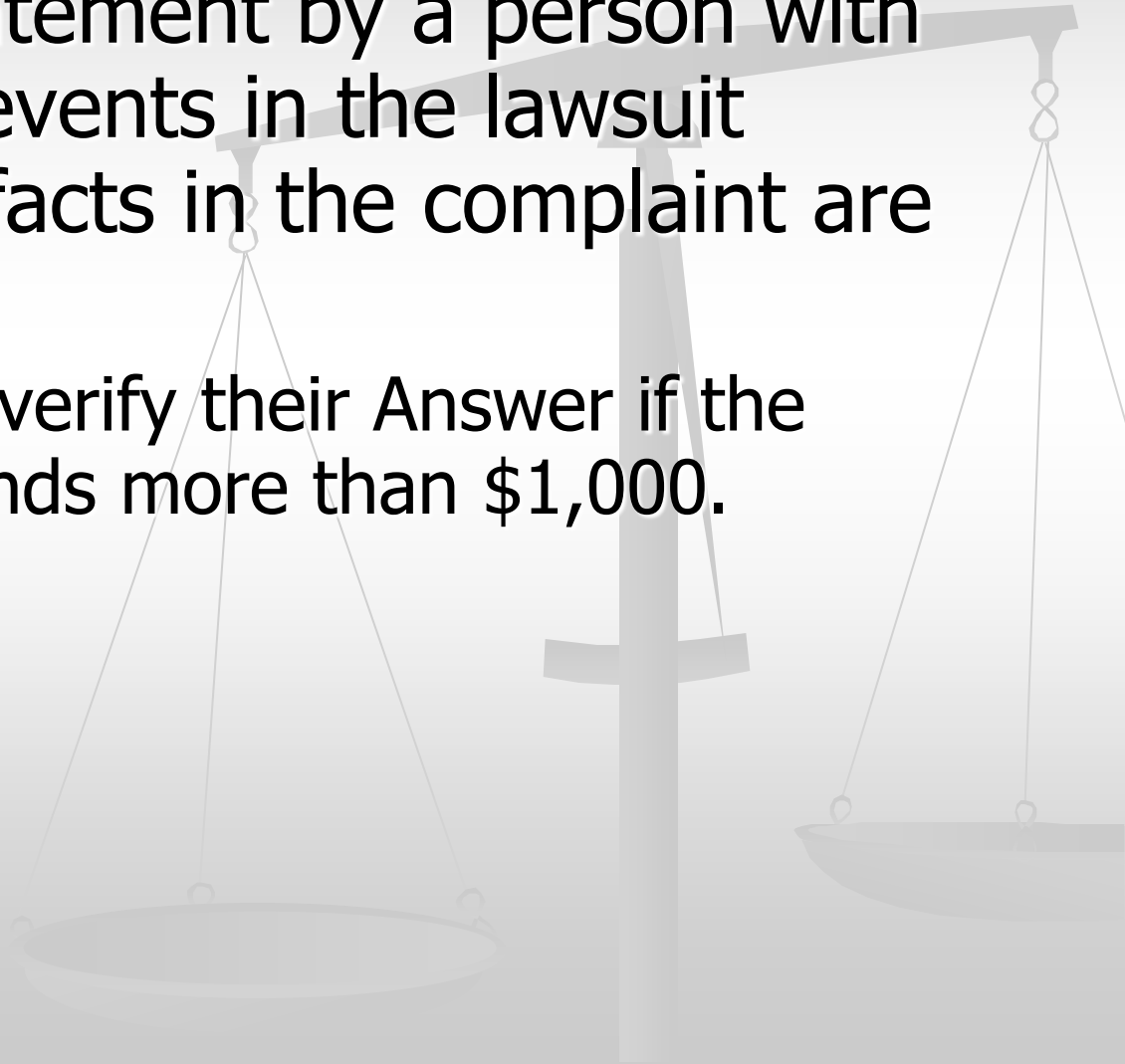
Contract Complaint Declaration of Venue

- Some types of contract cases require a declaration of venue:
 - A statement sworn under penalty of perjury explaining why the court you are filing in is the appropriate court
 - Most commonly, this involves contracts for “an offer or provision of goods, services, loans or extensions of credit intended primarily for household use, other than an obligation described in 1212.10 or Section 2984.4 of the Civil Code...” CCP §395.
 - A verified (sworn) complaint will generally comply with this section, or a separate declaration of venue can be filed
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Optional Verification

Verification is a statement by a person with knowledge of the events in the lawsuit swearing that the facts in the complaint are true.

- Defendant must verify their Answer if the Complaint demands more than \$1,000.

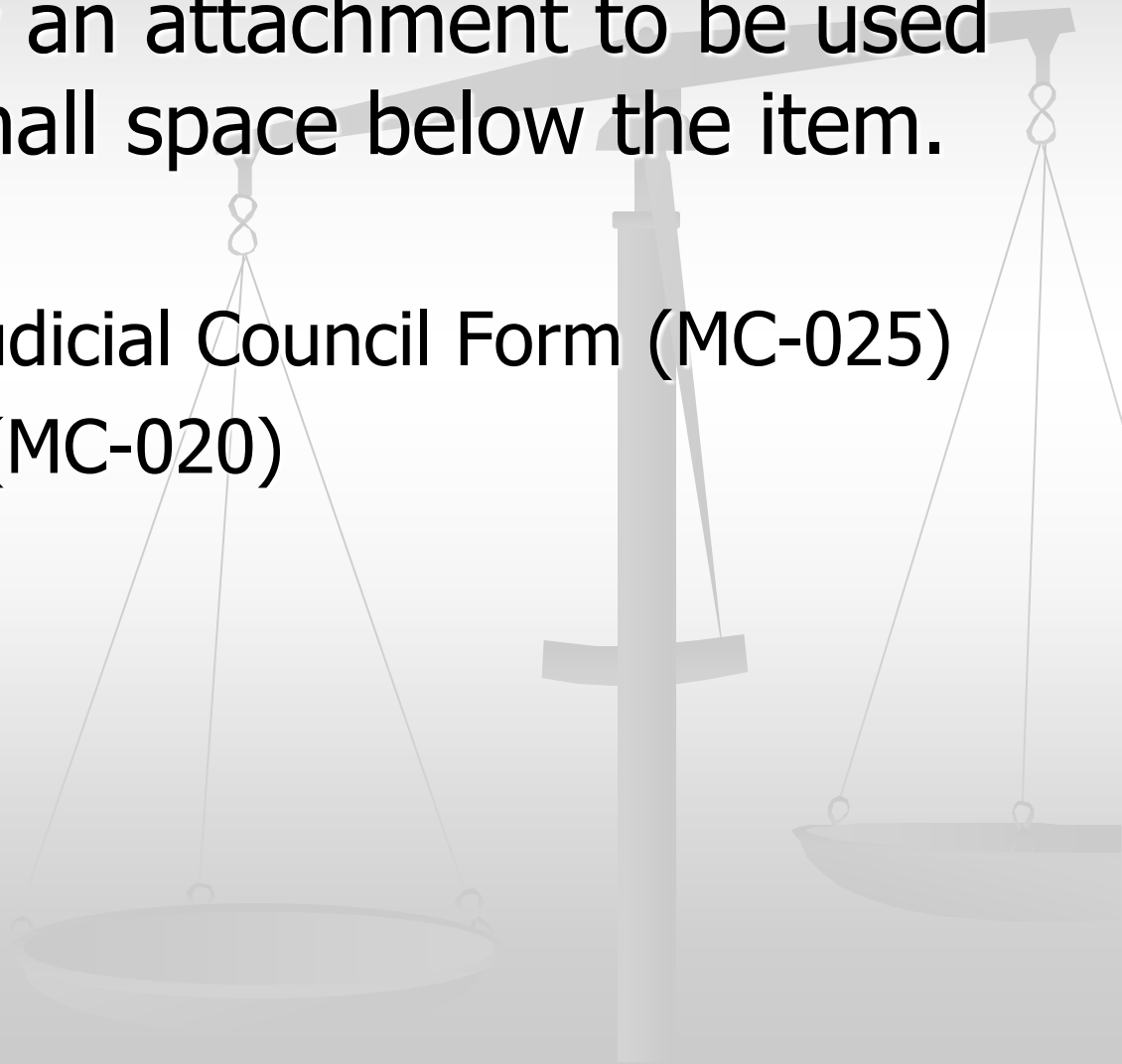


Need more space?

- Most forms allow an attachment to be used instead of the small space below the item.

Try:

- Attachment to Judicial Council Form (MC-025)
- Additional Page (MC-020)



ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):		FOR COURT USE ONLY
Paul Plaintiff 123 Anystreet Sacramento, CA 95814 TELEPHONE NO. 916-555-1212 FAX NO.: ATTORNEY FOR (Name) In Pro Per		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Sacramento STREET ADDRESS: 720 Ninth Street MAILING ADDRESS: 720 Ninth Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Sacramento, CA 95814 BRANCH NAME: Civil		
CASE NAME: Plaintiff v. Defendant		
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)		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:
		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 <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46)	Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)
Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23)	Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26)	Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20)
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38)	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	Miscellaneous Civil Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case is is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
- | | |
|--|--|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence | f. <input type="checkbox"/> 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): 2
5. This case is is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 5/1/2008

Paul Plaintiff (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

Paul Plaintiff
 (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 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

**SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)**

FOR COURT USE ONLY
(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO) :**
Doug Defendant;

and DOES 1 to 10

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE) :**
Paul Plaintiff

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Sacramento County Superior Court
Civil
720 Ninth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Paul Plaintiff
123 Anystreet
916-555-1212

Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE:

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
(Secretario) (Adjunto)

(Fecha)
(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

[SEAL]

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. as an individual defendant.
2. as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. on behalf of (specify):

under: CCP 416.10 (corporation)
 CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)
 CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)
 other (specify):

CCP 416.60 (minor)
 CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
 CCP 416.90 (authorized person)

4. by personal delivery on (date):

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Paul Plaintiff 123 Anystreet Sacramento, CA 95814 TELEPHONE NO: 916-555-1212 FAX NO. (Optional): E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name): In Pro Per	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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Jurisdiction (check all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION IS A LIMITED CIVIL CASE Amount demanded <input type="checkbox"/> does not exceed \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exceeds \$10,000 but does not exceed \$25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> ACTION IS AN UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (exceeds \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> ACTION IS RECLASSIFIED by this amended complaint or cross-complaint <input type="checkbox"/> from limited to unlimited <input type="checkbox"/> from unlimited to limited	CASE NUMBER:

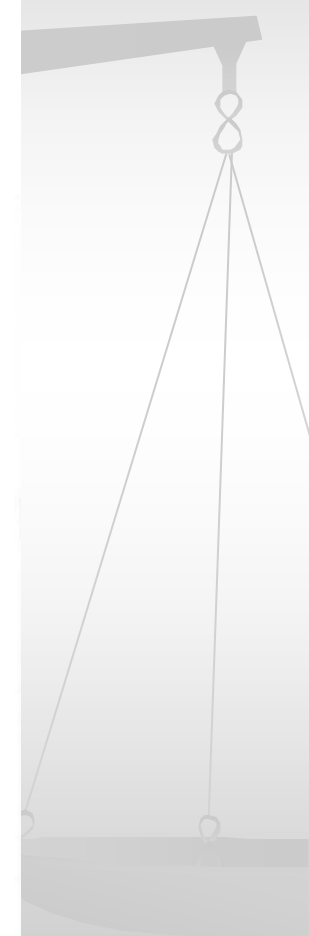
1. Plaintiff* (name or names): **Paul Plaintiff**

 alleges causes of action against defendant* (name or names): **Doug Defendant; and DOES 1 to 10**

2. This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the following number of pages:
3. a. **Each plaintiff named above is a competent adult**
 except plaintiff (name) :
 - (1) a corporation qualified to do business in California
 - (2) an unincorporated entity (describe) :
 - (3) other (specify) :

- b. Plaintiff (name):
 a. has complied with the fictitious business name laws and is doing business under the fictitious name (specify) :

- b. has complied with all licensing requirements as a licensed (specify) :
- c. Information about additional plaintiffs who are not competent adults is shown in Attachment 3c.
4. a. **Each defendant named above is a natural person**
 except defendant (name) :
 - (1) a business organization, form unknown
 - (1) a business organization, form unknown
 - (2) a corporation
 - (2) a corporation
 - (3) an unincorporated entity (describe) :
 - (3) an unincorporated entity (describe) :
 - (4) a public entity (describe) :
 - (4) a public entity (describe) :
 - (5) other (specify) :
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SHORT TITLE:

Plaintiff v. Defendant

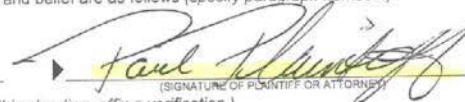
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4. (Continued)
- b. The true names of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff.
- (1) Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1 to 5 were the agents or employees of the named defendants and acted within the scope of that agency or employment.
- (2) Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 6 to 10 are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff.
- c. Information about additional defendants who are not natural persons is contained in Attachment 4c.
- d. Defendants who are joined under Code of Civil Procedure section 382 are (names):
5. Plaintiff is required to comply with a claims statute, and
- a. has complied with applicable claims statutes, or
- b. is excused from complying because (specify):
6. This action is subject to Civil Code section 1812.10 Civil Code section 2984.4.
7. This court is the proper court because
- a. a defendant entered into the contract here.
- b. a defendant lived here when the contract was entered into.
- c. a defendant lives here now.
- d. the contract was to be performed here.
- e. a defendant is a corporation or unincorporated association and its principal place of business is here.
- f. real property that is the subject of this action is located here.
- g. other (specify):
8. The following causes of action are attached and the statements above apply to each (each complaint must have one or more causes of action attached):
- Breach of Contract
- Common Counts
- Other (specify):
9. Other allegations:
10. Plaintiff prays for judgment for costs of suit, for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for
- a. damages of \$ 15,000.00
- b. interest on the damages
- (1) according to proof
- (2) at the rate of (specify): 10 percent per year from (date): June 15, 2007
- c. attorney's fees
- (1) of \$
- (2) according to proof.
- d. other (specify):
11. The paragraphs of this pleading alleged on information and belief are as follows (specify paragraph numbers):

Date: 5/1/2008

Paul Plaintiff

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)

(If you wish to verify this pleading, affix a verification.)

SHORT TITLE Plaintiff v. Defendant	CASE NUMBER
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First _____ **CAUSE OF ACTION-Breach of Contract**
(number)

ATTACHMENT TO **Complaint** Cross-Complaint

(Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)

BC-1. Plaintiff (name): **Paul Plaintiff**

alleges that on or about (date): **May 15, 2007**

a **written** oral other (specify):

agreement was made between (name parties to agreement): **Paul Plaintiff, Doug Defendant, DOES 1 to 10**

A copy of the agreement is attached as Exhibit A, or

The essential terms of the agreement are stated in Attachment BC-1 are as follows (specify):

BC-2. On or about (dates): **June 15, 2007**

defendant breached the agreement by the acts specified in Attachment BC-2 **the following acts**

(specify):

Doug Defendant failed to make his first monthly payment of \$1,067.96, and has failed to render any payment to Paul Plaintiff, despite demand for payment.

BC-3. Plaintiff has performed all obligations to defendant except those obligations plaintiff was prevented or excused from performing.

BC-4. Plaintiff suffered damages legally (proximately) caused by defendant's breach of the agreement

as stated in Attachment BC-4 as follows (specify):

Paul Plaintiff has loaned \$15,000 to Doug Defendant, and is now owed \$15,000 plus interest at 10% annually, from June 15, 2007.

BC-5. Plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees by an agreement or a statute

of \$

according to proof.

BC-6. Other:

SHORT TITLE:
Plaintiff v. Defendant

CASE NUMBER:

Second
(number)

CAUSE OF ACTION-Common Counts

ATTACHMENT TO Complaint Cross-Complaint

(Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)

CC-1. Plaintiff (name): Paul Plaintiff

alleges that defendant (name): Doug Defendant; DOES 1 to 10

became indebted to plaintiff other (name):

a. within the last four years

(1) on an open book account for money due.

(2) because an account was stated in writing by and between plaintiff and defendant in which it was agreed that defendant was indebted to plaintiff.

b. within the last two years four years

(1) for money had and received by defendant for the use and benefit of plaintiff.

(2) for work, labor, services and materials rendered at the special instance and request of defendant and for which defendant promised to pay plaintiff

the sum of \$

the reasonable value.

(3) for goods, wares, and merchandise sold and delivered to defendant and for which defendant promised to pay plaintiff

the sum of \$

the reasonable value.

(4) for money lent by plaintiff to defendant at defendant's request.

(5) for money paid, laid out, and expended to or for defendant at defendant's special instance and request.

(6) other (specify):

CC-2. \$ 15,000.00 , which is the reasonable value, is due and unpaid despite plaintiff's demand, plus prejudgment interest according to proof at the rate of 10.00 percent per year from (date): June 15, 2007

CC-3. Plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees by an agreement or a statute

of \$

according to proof.

CC-4. Other:


PERSONAL LOAN

This is an agreement for a personal loan to be issued by Paul Plaintiff, and to be repaid by Doug Defendant.

Paul Plaintiff and Doug Defendant agree to the following:

1. Paul Plaintiff will loan to Doug Defendant \$15,000.00 by cashier's check.
2. This loan shall accrue interest at a rate of 10% annually.
3. Doug Defendant agrees to repay Paul Plaintiff by making 15 monthly payments of \$1,067.96 beginning on June 15, 2007, and each 15th of the month until paid in full.
4. In the event that Doug Defendant fails to make his payment within thirty days of its due date, Paul Plaintiff shall be entitled to repayment of the entire outstanding balance, upon demand.

Dated: May 1, 2007


Borrower, Doug Defendant

Dated: May 1, 2007


Lender, Paul Plaintiff

EXHIBIT A



SHORT TITLE:	CASE NUMBER:
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CAUSE OF ACTION-Fraud

(number)

ATTACHMENT TO Complaint Cross-Complaint

(Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)

FR-1. Plaintiff (name):

alleges that defendant (name):

on or about (date):

defrauded plaintiff as follows:

FR-2. **Intentional or Negligent Misrepresentation**

a. Defendant made representations of material fact as stated in Attachment FR-2.a as follows:

b. These representations were in fact false. The truth was as stated in Attachment FR-2.b as follows:

c. When defendant made the representations,

- defendant knew they were false, or
- defendant had no reasonable ground for believing the representations were true.

d. Defendant made the representations with the intent to defraud and induce plaintiff to act as described in item FR-5. At the time plaintiff acted, plaintiff did not know the representations were false and believed they were true. Plaintiff acted in justifiable reliance upon the truth of the representations.

FR-3. **Concealment**

a. Defendant concealed or suppressed material facts as stated in Attachment FR-3.a as follows:

b. Defendant concealed or suppressed material facts

- defendant was bound to disclose.
- by telling plaintiff other facts to mislead plaintiff and prevent plaintiff from discovering the concealed or suppressed facts.

c. Defendant concealed or suppressed these facts with the intent to defraud and induce plaintiff to act as described in item FR-5. At the time plaintiff acted, plaintiff was unaware of the concealed or suppressed facts and would not have taken the action if plaintiff had known the facts.

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CAUSE OF ACTION-Fraud

(number)

FR-4. Promise Without Intent to Perform

a. Defendant made a promise about a material matter without any intention of performing it as stated in Attachment FR-4.a as follows:

b. Defendant's promise without any intention of performance was made with the intent to defraud and induce plaintiff to rely upon it and to act as described in item FR-5. At the time plaintiff acted, plaintiff was unaware of defendant's intention not to perform the promise. Plaintiff acted in justifiable reliance upon the promise.

FR-5. In justifiable reliance upon defendant's conduct, plaintiff was induced to act as stated in Attachment FR-5 as follows:

FR-6. Because of plaintiff's reliance upon defendant's conduct, plaintiff has been damaged as stated in Attachment FR-6 as follows:

FR-7. Other:



A grayscale illustration of a balance scale. The scale is tilted, with the right side being higher than the left. The left pan is lower and contains the word "BREAK" in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. The right pan is higher and is empty. The background is a light gray gradient.

BREAK

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):		FOR COURT USE ONLY
Paul Plaintiff 123 Anystreet Sacramento, CA 95814 TELEPHONE NO.: 916-555-1212 FAX NO.: ATTORNEY FOR (Name): In Pro Per		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Sacramento STREET ADDRESS: 720 Ninth Street MAILING ADDRESS: 720 Ninth Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Sacramento, CA 95814 BRANCH NAME: Civil		
CASE NAME: Plaintiff v. Defendant		
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000)	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)	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: 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:

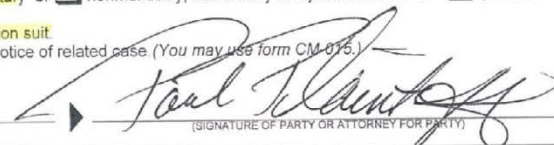
<p>Auto Tort</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auto (22)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46)</p> <p>Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23)</p> <p>Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)</p> <p>Employment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)</p>	<p>Contract</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37)</p> <p>Real Property</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26)</p> <p>Unlawful Detainer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38)</p> <p>Judicial Review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)</p>	<p>Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)</p> <p>Enforcement of Judgment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20)</p> <p>Miscellaneous Civil Complaint</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42)</p> <p>Miscellaneous Civil Petition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)</p>
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2. This case is is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
- | | |
|--|--|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
f. <input type="checkbox"/> 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): 1
5. This case is is not a class action suit
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 5/1/2008

Paul Plaintiff (TYPE OR PRINT 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 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)

SUM-100

FOR COURT USE ONLY
(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO) :

Doug Defendant;

and DOES 1 to 10

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE) :

Paul Plaintiff

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que lo quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Sacramento County Superior Court
Civil

720 Ninth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Paul Plaintiff
123 Anystreet
916-555-1212

Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE:

Clerk, by _____, Deputy
(Secretario) (Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

- 1. as an individual defendant.
- 2. as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify) :

3. on behalf of (specify) :

- under: CCP 416.10 (corporation) CCP 416.60 (minor)
- CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
- CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
- other (specify) :

4. by personal delivery on (date) :

[SEAL]

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

<p>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):</p> <p>Paul Plaintiff 123 Anystreet Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>TELEPHONE NO.: 916-555-1212 FAX NO. (Optional):</p> <p>E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional):</p> <p>ATTORNEY FOR (Name): In Pro Per</p>	<p>FOR COURT USE ONLY</p>
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<p>PLAINTIFF: Paul Plaintiff</p> <p>DEFENDANT: Doug Defendant</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOES 1 TO 10</p> <p>COMPLAINT-Personal Injury, Property Damage, Wrongful Death</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED (Number):</p> <p>Type (check all that apply):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTOR VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Death</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Other Damages (specify):</p>	
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1. **Plaintiff (name or names): Paul Plaintiff**
 alleges causes of action against defendant (name or names): **Doug Defendant**
 2. This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the following number of pages: **4**
 3. **Each plaintiff named above is a competent adult**
 - a. except plaintiff (name):
 - (1) a corporation qualified to do business in California
 - (2) an unincorporated entity (describe):
 - (3) a public entity (describe):
 - (4) a minor an adult
 - (a) for whom a guardian or conservator of the estate or a guardian ad litem has been appointed
 - (b) other (specify):
 - (5) other (specify):
 - b. except plaintiff (name):
 - (1) a corporation qualified to do business in California
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 - (a) for whom a guardian or conservator of the estate or a guardian ad litem has been appointed
 - (b) other (specify):
 - (5) other (specify):
- Information about additional plaintiffs who are not competent adults is shown in Attachment 3.

SHORT TITLE:

Plaintiff v. Defendant

CASE NUMBER:

4. Plaintiff (name): _____
is doing business under the fictitious name (specify): _____
and has complied with the fictitious business name laws.
5. Each defendant named above is a natural person
- a. except defendant (name): _____
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
(2) a corporation
(3) an unincorporated entity (describe): _____
(4) a public entity (describe): _____
(5) other (specify): _____
- b. except defendant (name): _____
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
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(5) other (specify): _____
- c. except defendant (name): _____
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
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(5) other (specify): _____
- d. except defendant (name): _____
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
(2) a corporation
(3) an unincorporated entity (describe): _____
(4) a public entity (describe): _____
(5) other (specify): _____
- Information about additional defendants who are not natural persons is contained in Attachment 5.
6. The true names of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff.
- a. Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): _____ were the agents or employees of other named defendants and acted within the scope of that agency or employment.
- b. Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1 to 10 are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff.
7. Defendants who are joined under Code of Civil Procedure section 382 are (names): _____
8. This court is the proper court because
- a. at least one defendant now resides in its jurisdictional area.
b. the principal place of business of a defendant corporation or unincorporated association is in its jurisdictional area.
c. injury to person or damage to personal property occurred in its jurisdictional area.
d. other (specify): _____
9. Plaintiff is required to comply with a claims statute, and
- a. has complied with applicable claims statutes, or
b. is excused from complying because (specify): _____

SHORT TITLE:
Plaintiff v. Defendant

CASE NUMBER:

10. The following causes of action are attached and the statements above apply to each (each complaint must have one or more causes of action attached):
- Motor Vehicle
 - General Negligence
 - Intentional Tort
 - Products Liability
 - Premises Liability
 - Other (specify) :
11. Plaintiff has suffered
- wage loss
 - loss of use of property
 - hospital and medical expenses
 - general damage
 - property damage
 - loss of earning capacity
 - other damage (specify) :
12. The damages claimed for wrongful death and the relationships of plaintiff to the deceased are
- listed in Attachment 12.
 - as follows:
13. The relief sought in this complaint is within the jurisdiction of this court.
14. Plaintiff prays for judgment for costs of suit, for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for
- (1) compensatory damages
 - (2) punitive damages
- The amount of damages is (in cases for personal injury or wrongful death, you must check (1)):
- (1) according to proof
 - (2) in the amount of: \$
15. The paragraphs of this complaint alleged on information and belief are as follows (specify paragraph numbers):

Date: 5/1/2008

Paul Plaintiff

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)

SHORT TITLE:
Plaintiff v. Defendant

CASE NUMBER:

First _____ CAUSE OF ACTION- Motor Vehicle
(number)

ATTACHMENT TO Complaint Cross-Complaint
(Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)

Plaintiff (name): Paul Plaintiff

MV-1. Plaintiff alleges the acts of defendants were negligent; the acts were the legal (proximate) cause of injuries and damages to plaintiff; the acts occurred on (date): June 18, 2007 at (place): Interstate 80 Eastbound 200 feet west of Northgate exit.

MV-2. DEFENDANTS

a. The defendants who operated a motor vehicle are (names):
Doug Defendant

Does 1 _____ to 10 _____

b. The defendants who employed the persons who operated a motor vehicle in the course of their employment are (names):

Does 1 _____ to 10 _____

c. The defendants who owned the motor vehicle which was operated with their permission are (names):
Doug Defendant

Does 1 _____ to 10 _____

d. The defendants who entrusted the motor vehicle are (names):

Does 1 _____ to 10 _____

e. The defendants who were the agents and employees of the other defendants and acted within the scope of the agency were (names):

Does 1 _____ to 10 _____

f. The defendants who are liable to plaintiffs for other reasons and the reasons for the liability are listed in Attachment MV-2f as follows:

Does _____ to _____

- DO NOT FILE WITH THE COURT -
 - UNLESS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A DEFAULT JUDGMENT UNDER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE § 585 -

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PLAINTIFF: Paul Plaintiff DEFENDANT: Doug Defendant		
STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)		

To (name of one defendant only): Doug Defendant
 Plaintiff (name of one plaintiff only): Paul Plaintiff
 seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

	AMOUNT
1. General damages	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pain, suffering, and inconvenience.....	\$ 250,000.00
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional distress.....	\$ _____
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of consortium.....	\$ _____
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of society and companionship (wrongful death actions only).....	\$ _____
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify).....	\$ _____
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify).....	\$ _____
g. <input type="checkbox"/> Continued on Attachment 1.g.	
2. Special damages	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical expenses (to date).....	\$ 9,452.86
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Future medical expenses (present value).....	\$ 25,000.00
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss of earnings (to date).....	\$ 35,897.42
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loss of future earning capacity (present value).....	\$ 35,000.00
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property damage.....	\$ 8,700.00
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral expenses (wrongful death actions only).....	\$ _____
g. <input type="checkbox"/> Future contributions (present value) (wrongful death actions only).....	\$ _____
h. <input type="checkbox"/> Value of personal service, advice, or training (wrongful death actions only).....	\$ _____
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify).....	\$ _____
j. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify).....	\$ _____
k. <input type="checkbox"/> Continued on Attachment 2.k.	

3. **Punitive damages:** Plaintiff reserves the right to seek punitive damages in the amount of (specify) \$ _____ when pursuing a judgment in the suit filed against you.

Date: May 1, 2008

Paul Plaintiff

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(Proof of service on reverse)

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF)

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STATEMENT OF DAMAGES
 (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)

Code of Civil Procedure, §§ 41, 11, 425.115

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<p>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (<i>Name, State Bar number, and address</i>):</p> <p>Paul Plaintiff 123 Anystreet Sacramento, CA 95814 TELEPHONE NO.: 916-555-1212 FAX NO. (<i>Optional</i>): E-MAIL ADDRESS (<i>Optional</i>): ATTORNEY FOR (<i>Name</i>): In Pro Per</p>	<p>FOR COURT USE ONLY</p>
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<p>PLAINTIFF: Paul Plaintiff</p> <p>DEFENDANT: Doug Defendant, individually and dba Happy-Smile-Mart</p>	
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 alleges causes of action against defendant (*name or names*): Doug Defendant, individually and dba Happy-Smile-Mart;
 DOES 1 to 10
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SHORT TITLE:
Plaintiff v. Defendant

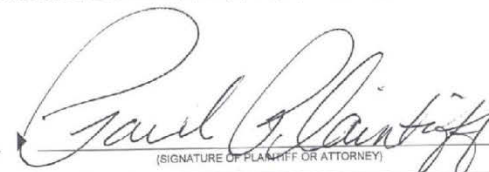
CASE NUMBER:

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 - Intentional Tort
 - Products Liability
 - Premises Liability
 - Other (specify) :
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 - (2) punitive damages
- The amount of damages is (in cases for personal injury or wrongful death, you must check (1)):
- according to proof
 - in the amount of: \$
15. The paragraphs of this complaint alleged on information and belief are as follows (specify paragraph numbers):

Date: 5/1/2008

Paul Plaintiff

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)

SHORT TITLE: Plaintiff v. Defendant	CASE NUMBER:
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First CAUSE OF ACTION - Premises Liability
(number)

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ATTACHMENT TO Complaint Cross-Complaint
(Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)

Prem.L-1. Plaintiff (name): Paul Plaintiff

alleges the acts of defendants were the legal (proximate) cause of damages to plaintiff.

On (date): June 18, 2008 plaintiff was injured on the following premises in the following

fashion (description of premises and circumstances of injury):

Paul Plaintiff was a customer at Doug Defendant's business, Smiley-Happy-Mart, a small grocery store. While shopping, the shelving unit next to Paul Plaintiff toppled, falling on top of Paul Plaintiff, pinning him to the ground, breaking his right arm, spine, and two ribs.

Prem.L-2. **Count One-Negligence** The defendants who negligently owned, maintained, managed and operated the described premises were (names):
Doug Defendant

Does 1 to 10

Prem.L-3. **Count Two-Willful Failure to Warn** [Civil Code section 846] The defendant owners who willfully or maliciously failed to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity were (names): Doug Defendant

Does 1 to 10

Plaintiff, a recreational user, was an invited guest a paying guest.

Prem.L-4. **Count Three-Dangerous Condition of Public Property** The defendants who owned public property on which a dangerous condition existed were (names):

Does _____ to _____

- a. The defendant public entity had actual constructive notice of the existence of the dangerous condition in sufficient time prior to the injury to have corrected it.
- b. The condition was created by employees of the defendant public entity.

Prem.L-5. a. **Allegations about Other Defendants** The defendants who were the agents and employees of the other defendants and acted within the scope of the agency were (names):

Does _____ to _____

- b. The defendants who are liable to plaintiffs for other reasons and the reasons for their liability are described in attachment Prem.L-5.b as follows (names):

<p>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):</p> <p>Paul Plaintiff 123 Anystreet Sacramento, CA 95814 TELEPHONE NO. 916-555-1212 FAX NO. (Optional): E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional):</p> <p>ATTORNEY FOR (Name): In Pro Per</p> <p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Sacramento</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: 720 Ninth Street MAILING ADDRESS: 720 Ninth Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Sacramento, CA 95814 BRANCH NAME: Civil</p> <p>PLAINTIFF: Paul Plaintiff</p> <p>DEFENDANT: Super-Happy, Inc.; Mega-Big-Mart, Inc.;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOES 1 TO 50</p> <p>COMPLAINT-Personal Injury, Property Damage, Wrongful Death</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED (Number):</p> <p>Type (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MOTOR VEHICLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify): Product Liability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Death <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Other Damages (specify):</p> <p>Jurisdiction (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ACTION IS A LIMITED CIVIL CASE Amount demanded <input type="checkbox"/> does not exceed \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> exceeds \$10,000, but does not exceed \$25,000</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION IS AN UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (exceeds \$25,000)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ACTION IS RECLASSIFIED by this amended complaint <input type="checkbox"/> from limited to unlimited <input type="checkbox"/> from unlimited to limited</p>	<p>FOR COURT USE ONLY</p> <p>CASE NUMBER:</p>
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1. Plaintiff (name or names): Paul Plaintiff

alleges causes of action against defendant (name or names): Super-Happy, Inc., Mega-Big-Mart, Inc., and DOES 1-50

2. This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the following number of pages:

3. Each plaintiff named above is a competent adult

a. except plaintiff (name):

- (1) a corporation qualified to do business in California
- (2) an unincorporated entity (describe):
- (3) a public entity (describe):
- (4) a minor an adult
 - (a) for whom a guardian or conservator of the estate or a guardian ad litem has been appointed
 - (b) other (specify):
- (5) other (specify):

b. except plaintiff (name):

- (1) a corporation qualified to do business in California
- (2) an unincorporated entity (describe):
- (3) a public entity (describe):
- (4) a minor an adult
 - (a) for whom a guardian or conservator of the estate or a guardian ad litem has been appointed
 - (b) other (specify):
- (5) other (specify):

Information about additional plaintiffs who are not competent adults is shown in Attachment 3.

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Plaintiff v. Super-Happy, Inc.

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4. Plaintiff (name):
is doing business under the fictitious name (specify):
- and has complied with the fictitious business name laws.
5. Each defendant named above is a natural person
- a. except defendant (name):
Super-Happy, Inc.
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
(2) a corporation
(3) an unincorporated entity (describe):
(4) a public entity (describe):
(5) other (specify):
- b. except defendant (name):
Mega-Big-Mart, Inc.
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
(2) a corporation
(3) an unincorporated entity (describe):
(4) a public entity (describe):
(5) other (specify):
- c. except defendant (name):
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
(2) a corporation
(3) an unincorporated entity (describe):
(4) a public entity (describe):
(5) other (specify):
- d. except defendant (name):
- (1) a business organization, form unknown
(2) a corporation
(3) an unincorporated entity (describe):
(4) a public entity (describe):
(5) other (specify):
- Information about additional defendants who are not natural persons is contained in Attachment 5.
6. The true names of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff.
- a. Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1 to 25 were the agents or employees of other named defendants and acted within the scope of that agency or employment.
- b. Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 26 to 50 are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff.
7. Defendants who are joined under Code of Civil Procedure section 382 are (names):
8. This court is the proper court because
- a. at least one defendant now resides in its jurisdictional area.
b. the principal place of business of a defendant corporation or unincorporated association is in its jurisdictional area.
c. injury to person or damage to personal property occurred in its jurisdictional area.
d. other (specify):
9. Plaintiff is required to comply with a claims statute, and
- a. has complied with applicable claims statutes, or
b. is excused from complying because (specify):

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CASE NUMBER:

10. The following causes of action are attached and the statements above apply to each (*each complaint must have one or more causes of action attached*):

- a. Motor Vehicle
 b. General Negligence
 c. Intentional Tort
 d. Products Liability
 e. Premises Liability
 f. Other (*specify*):

11. Plaintiff has suffered

- a. wage loss
 b. loss of use of property
 c. hospital and medical expenses
 d. general damage
 e. property damage
 f. loss of earning capacity
 g. other damage (*specify*):

12. The damages claimed for wrongful death and the relationships of plaintiff to the deceased are

- a. listed in Attachment 12.
 b. as follows:

13. The relief sought in this complaint is within the jurisdiction of this court.

14. Plaintiff prays for judgment for costs of suit; for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for

- a. (1) compensatory damages
 (2) punitive damages

The amount of damages is (*in cases for personal injury or wrongful death, you must check (1)*):

- (1) according to proof
 (2) in the amount of \$

15. The paragraphs of this complaint alleged on information and belief are as follows (*specify paragraph numbers*):

Date: 5/1/2008

Paul Plaintiff

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

Paul Plaintiff

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)

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CAUSE OF ACTION- Products Liability

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ATTACHMENT TO Complaint Cross-Complaint
(Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)Plaintiff (name): Paul PlaintiffProd. L-1. On or about (date): June 18, 2007 plaintiff was injured by the following product:
Super-Happy Widget Weaver Model WW-501Prod. L-2. Each of the defendants knew the product would be purchased and used without inspection for defects. The product was defective when it left the control of each defendant. The product at the time of injury was being used in the manner intended by the defendants. used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable by defendants as involving a substantial danger not readily apparent. Adequate warnings of the danger were not given.

Prod. L-3. Plaintiff was a

 purchaser of the product. bystander to the use of the product. user of the product. other (specify):

PLAINTIFF'S INJURY WAS THE LEGAL (PROXIMATE) RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING:

Prod. L-4. **Count One-Strict liability** of the following defendants whoa. manufactured or assembled the product (names):
Super-Happy, Inc. Does 1 to 50b. designed and manufactured component parts supplied to the manufacturer (names): Does 1 to 50c. sold the product to the public (names):
Mega-Big-Mart, Inc. Does 1 to 50Prod. L-5. **Count Two-Negligence** of the following defendants who owed a duty to plaintiff (names):
Super-Happy, Inc.; Mega-Big-Mart, Inc. Does 1 to 50Prod. L-6. **Count Three-Breach of warranty** by the following defendants (names):
Super-Happy, Inc. Does 1 to 50a. who breached an implied warrantyb. who breached an express warranty which was written oralProd. L-7. The defendants who are liable to plaintiffs for other reasons and the reasons for the liability are
 listed in Attachment-Prod. L-7 as follows:

VERIFICATION

I, Paul Plaintiff, have read the foregoing Complaint-Contract, and know its contents.

I am a party to this action. The matters stated in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

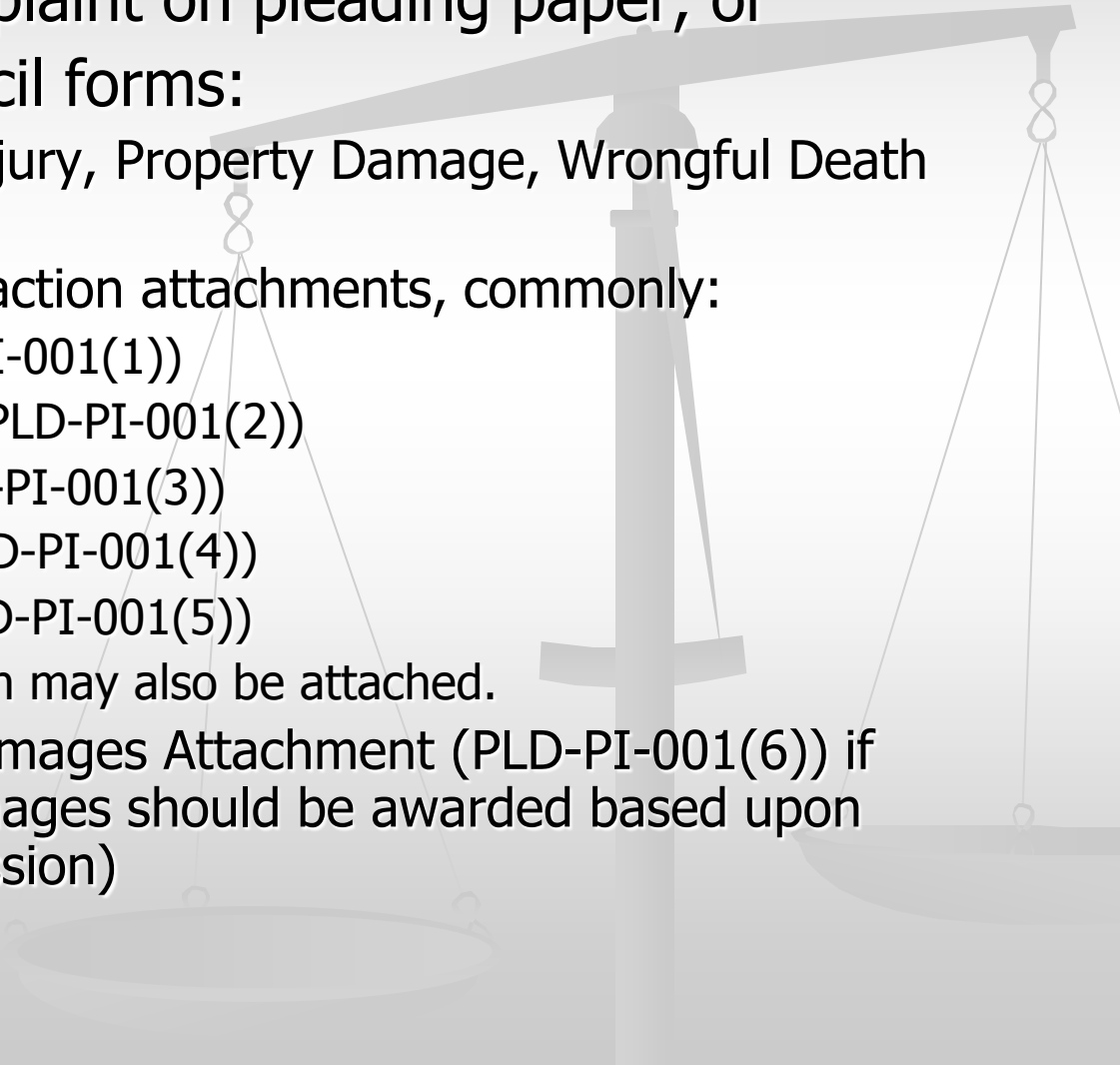
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated May 1, 2008


Paul Plaintiff



The Personal Injury/Property Damage Complaint

- Can hand-draft a complaint on pleading paper, or
 - Can use Judicial Council forms:
 - Complaint- Personal Injury, Property Damage, Wrongful Death (PLD-PI-001)
 - One or more cause of action attachments, commonly:
 - Motor Vehicle (PLD-PI-001(1))
 - General Negligence (PLD-PI-001(2))
 - Intentional Tort (PLD-PI-001(3))
 - Premises Liability (PLD-PI-001(4))
 - Products Liability (PLD-PI-001(5))
 - Other causes of action may also be attached.
 - Optional Exemplary Damages Attachment (PLD-PI-001(6)) if alleging that extra damages should be awarded based upon malice, fraud or oppression)
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Filing your lawsuit in court

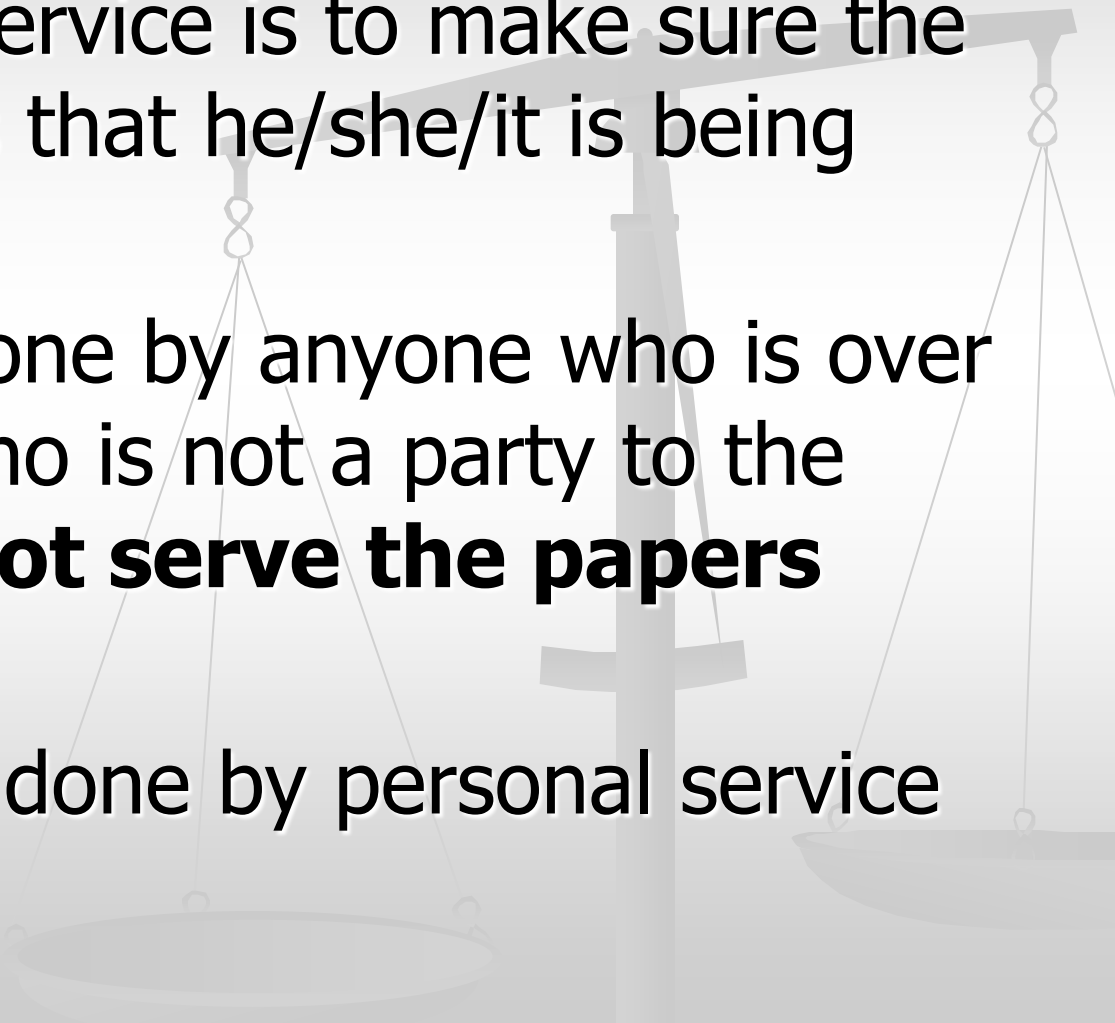


Bring to court:

- The original (unstapled), plus three copies (each stapled) of the documents listed below. The court will keep the original and a copy, and will then return two copies to you.
 - Civil Case Cover Sheet (CM-010)
 - Summons (SUM-100)
 - Complaint (PLD-C-001 or PLD-PI-001 or typed, plus all attached documents)
 - Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (FW-001), or appropriate filing fee
 - Order on Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (FW-003), or appropriate filing fee
 - Statement of Damages (CIV-050), if applicable
 - Declaration of Venue, if applicable.

“All papers presented for filing must be pre-punched in the standard two-hole position.”

Serving the defendant

- The purpose of service is to make sure the defendant knows that he/she/it is being sued
 - Service can be done by anyone who is over the age of 18, who is not a party to the case. **You cannot serve the papers yourself**
 - Generally, this is done by personal service
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What to serve

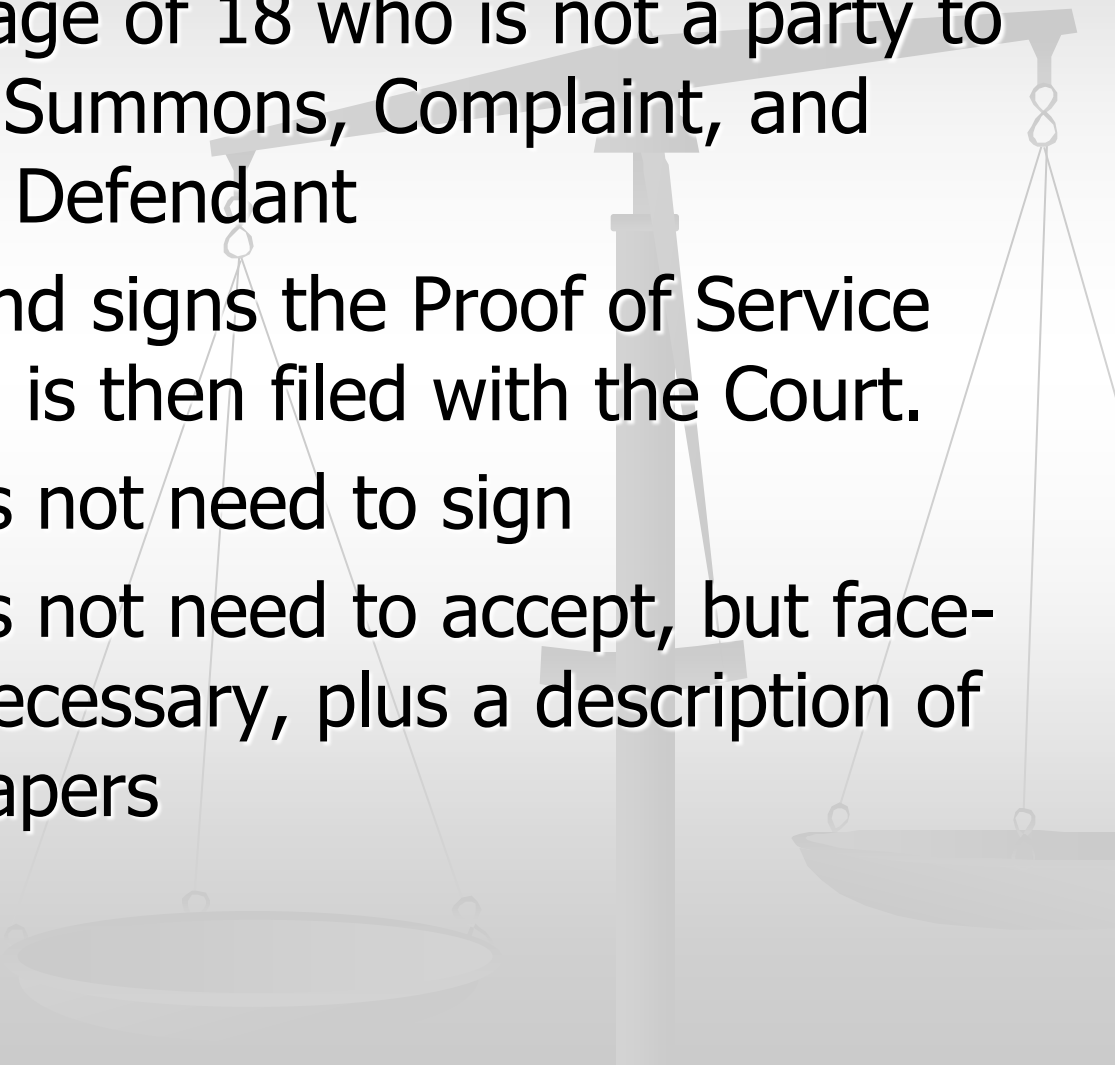


- Summons
- Complaint
- Statement of Damages (if applicable)
- ADR Packet (provided by the Court)
- Case Management Order, or Notice to File Case Management Statement (provided by the Court)
- Anything else that you received from the Court at the time you filed your complaint
- Defendant does not get a copy of your fee waiver forms
- Each court may have different requirements

Who to serve?

- Individual defendants, serve the defendant
- Corporations or LLC, serve agent for service. This information can be found using the Secretary of State's website business portal:
<http://kepler.sos.ca.gov/list.html>
- Others may require research. CEB Action Guide Handling Service of Process (Serving Summons in Civil Proceedings) by Jonathan U. Lee and Mark D. Lipton may be useful in determining the appropriate person to serve

Personal service

- Someone over the age of 18 who is not a party to the case hands the Summons, Complaint, and other papers to the Defendant
 - Server completes and signs the Proof of Service of Summons, which is then filed with the Court.
 - The defendant does not need to sign
 - The defendant does not need to accept, but face-to-face contact is necessary, plus a description of the nature of the papers
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Substituted Service



- Can be done only if personal service is attempted but fails
- Papers are left with an adult household member at the Defendant's house, or with a person in charge of the Defendant's place of work
- Generally, at least three reasonable attempts at personal service on different days and times must be made, and documented by a declaration of diligence
- For service on individuals, a copy must also be mailed to the defendant at that address
- Extends the time to answer the complaint by ten days
- See CCP §415.20

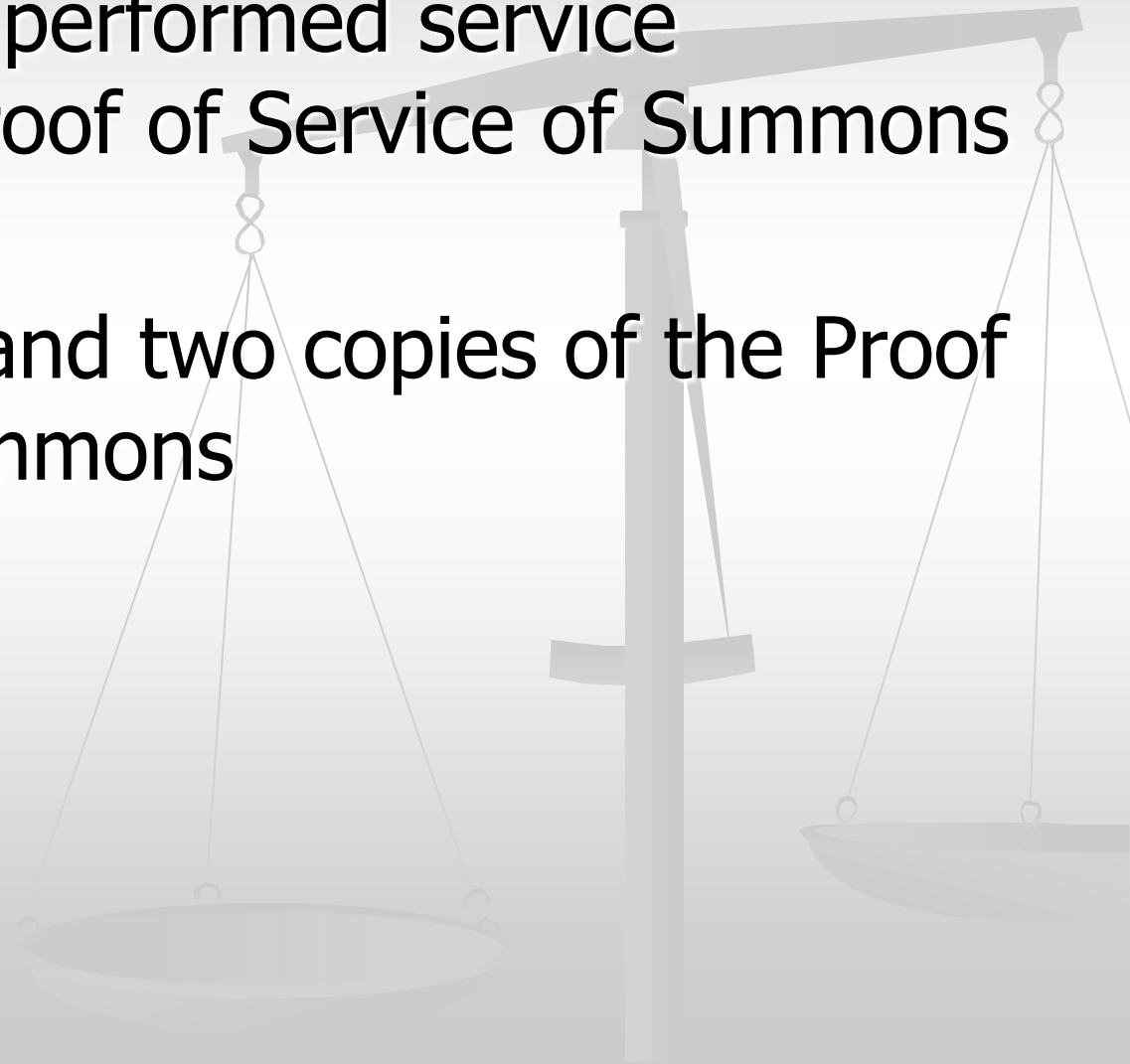
Other methods of service



- Acknowledgement of receipt (good for a cooperative defendant, but has several nuances that can lead to service being improper)
- Other methods may be available as a last resort, but are best avoided
- Use of the sheriff or a professional process server is highly recommended for service of the Summons and Complaint

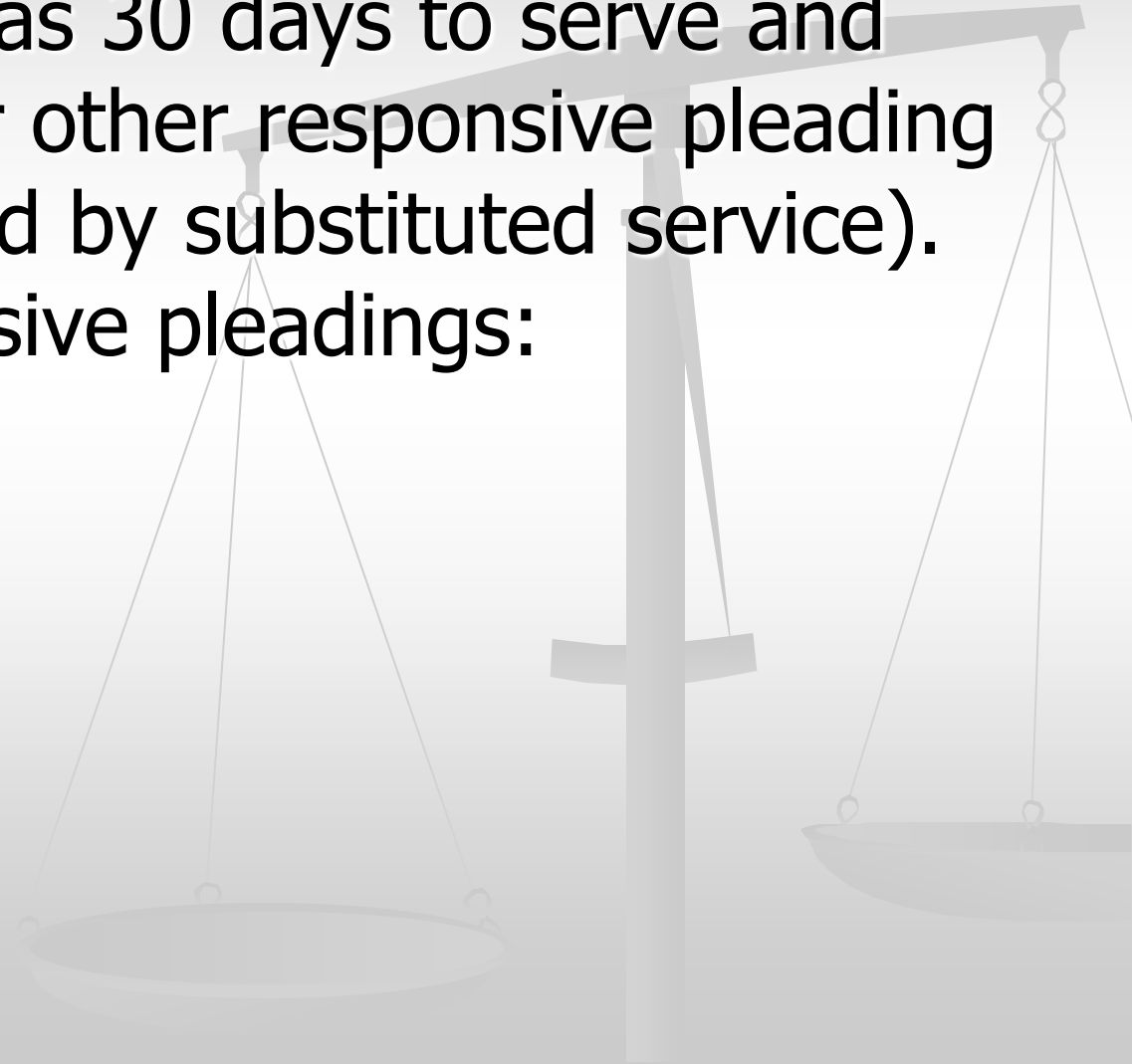
File Proof of Service of Summons

- The person who performed service completes the Proof of Service of Summons (POS-010) form
- File the original and two copies of the Proof of Service of Summons

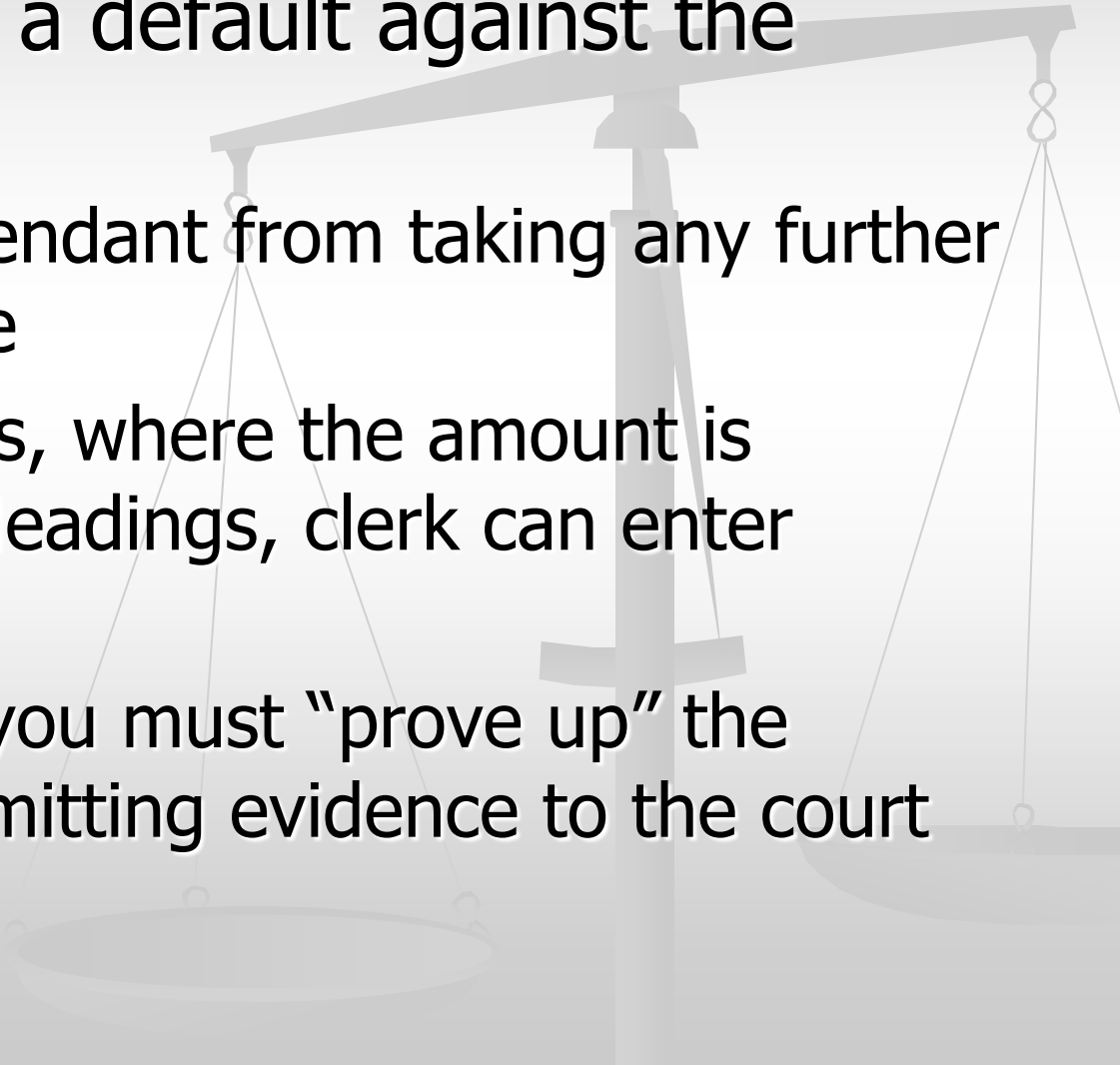


What's next?

- The defendant has 30 days to serve and file an Answer or other responsive pleading (40 days if served by substituted service).
Common responsive pleadings:
 - Answer
 - General Denial
 - Demurrer

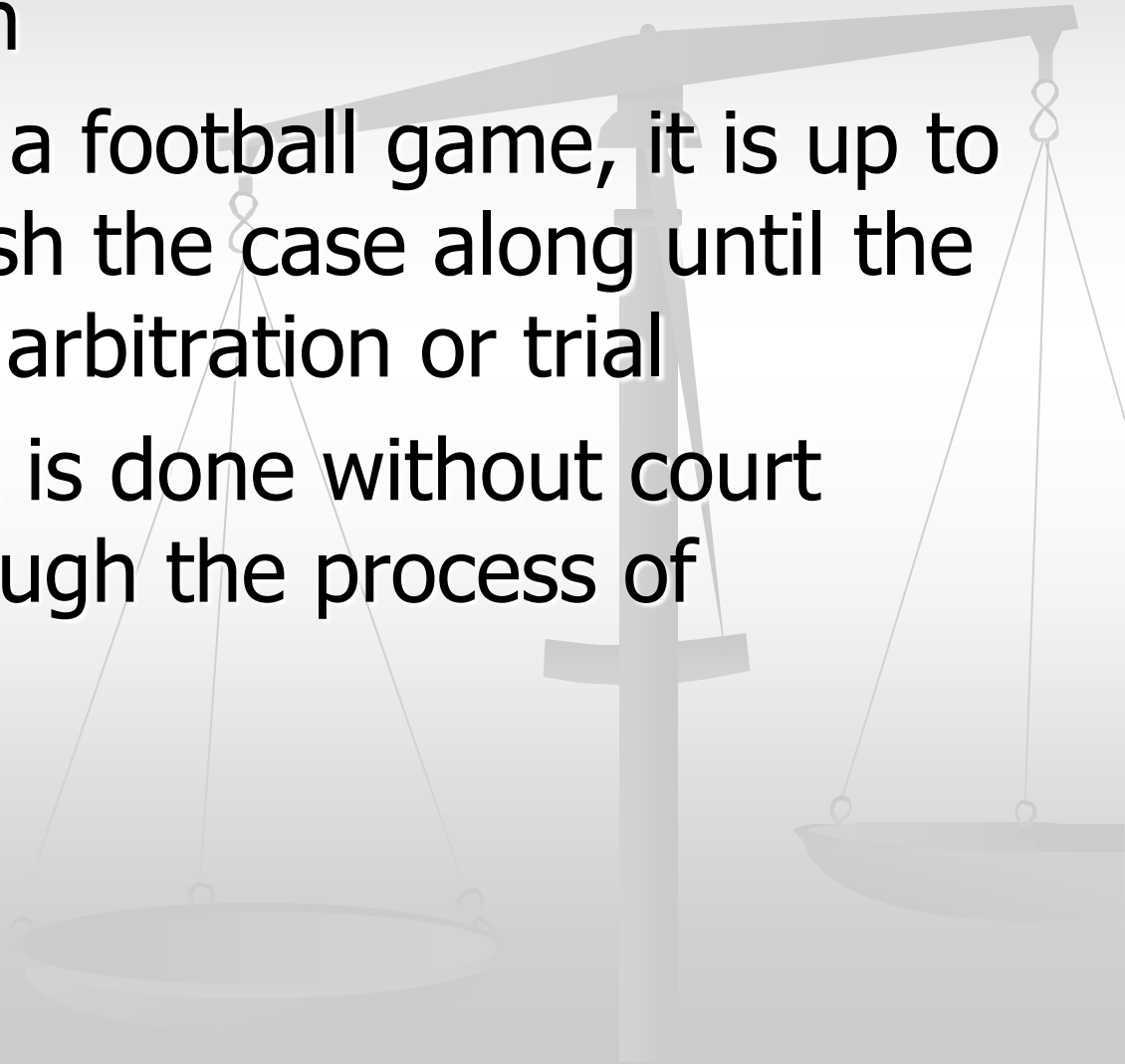


If there is no response

- You may request a default against the defendant
 - Prevents the defendant from taking any further action in the case
 - On contract cases, where the amount is included in the pleadings, clerk can enter judgment
 - On other cases, you must “prove up” the damages by submitting evidence to the court
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The defendant has answered

- The case goes on
- Lawsuits are like a football game, it is up to each party to push the case along until the case is ready for arbitration or trial
- Most of a lawsuit is done without court involvement through the process of discovery



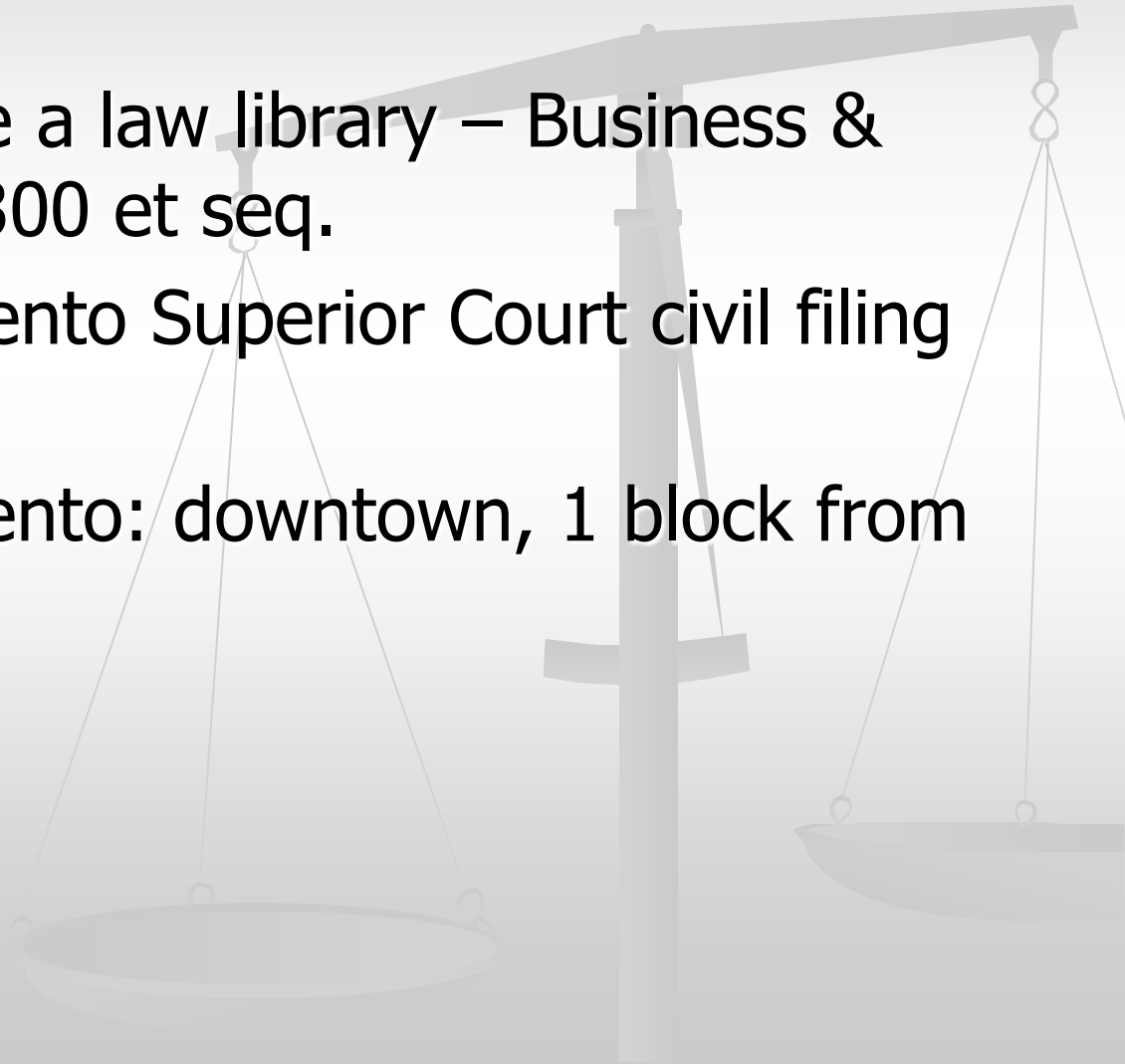
The defendant has filed a demurrer



- Default cannot be filed if a demurrer is pending
- Procedural motion- alleges that there is a defect in your complaint
- Assumes, for the sake of argument, that everything in the complaint is true
- Review your complaint to see if the defendant is correct
 - If your complaint can be fixed, can file a first amended complaint to resolve the issue
 - Typically the Court will grant leave to amend the complaint if the plaintiff can show that the errors alleged can be fixed

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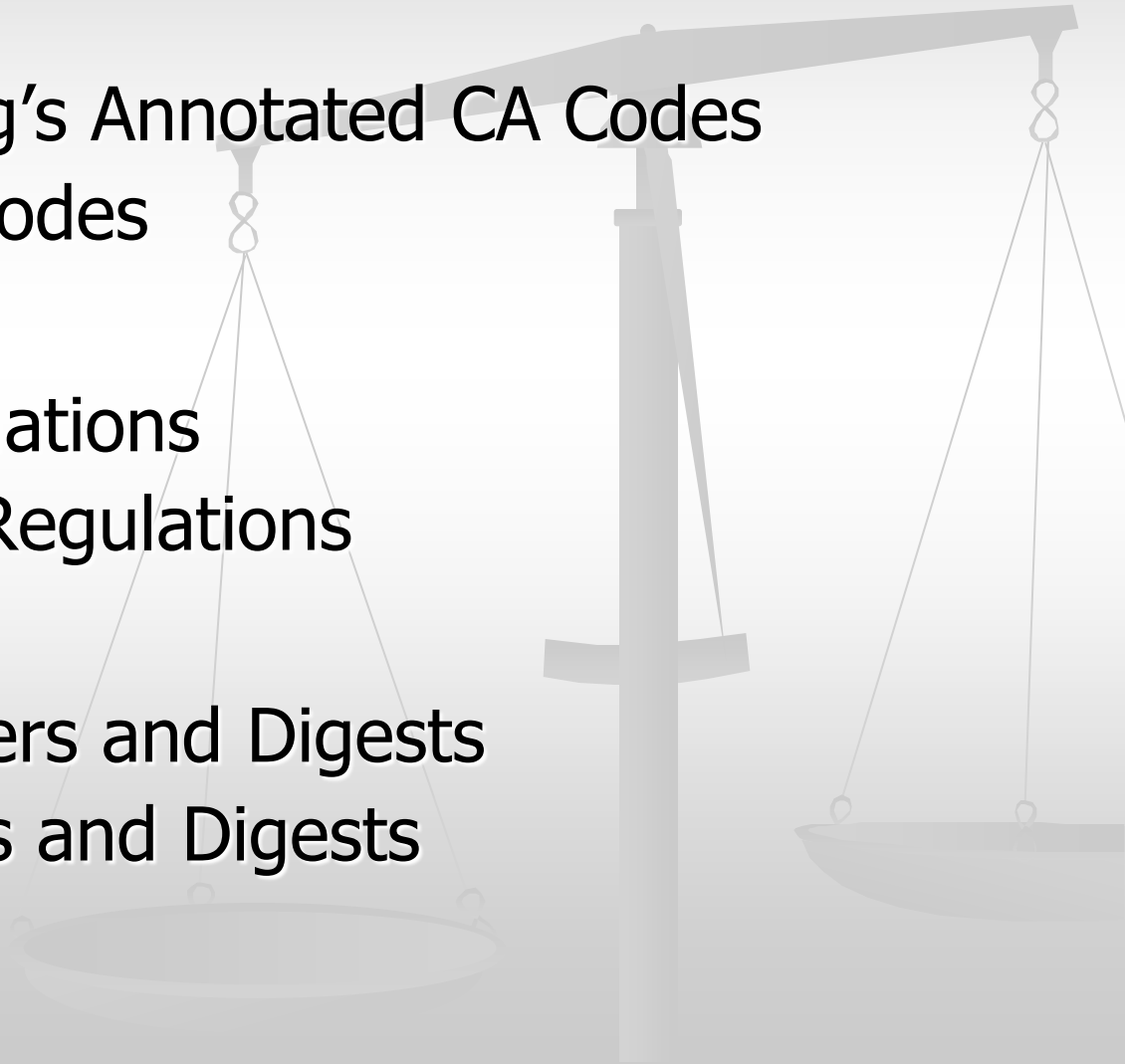
- West and Deering's Annotated CA Codes
- Annotated U.S. Codes

■ **Regulations**

- CA Code of Regulations
- Code of Federal Regulations

■ **Case law**

- California Reporters and Digests
- Federal Reporters and Digests



What's available in the law library?

SECONDARY sources

■ **Encyclopedias**

- California Jurisprudence, Am Jur, C.J.S.

■ **Treatises**

- Summary of California Law, Corbin on Contracts

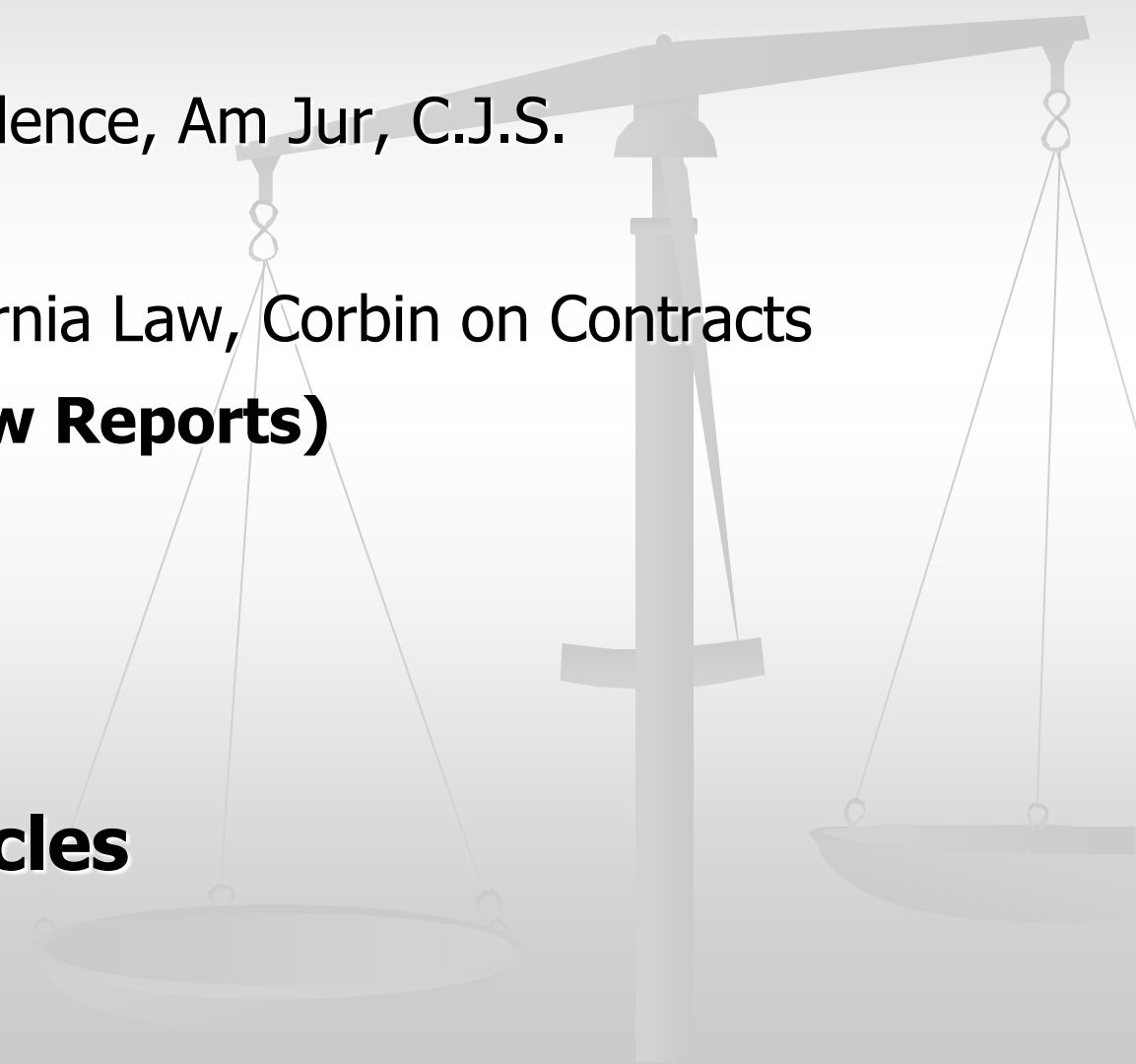
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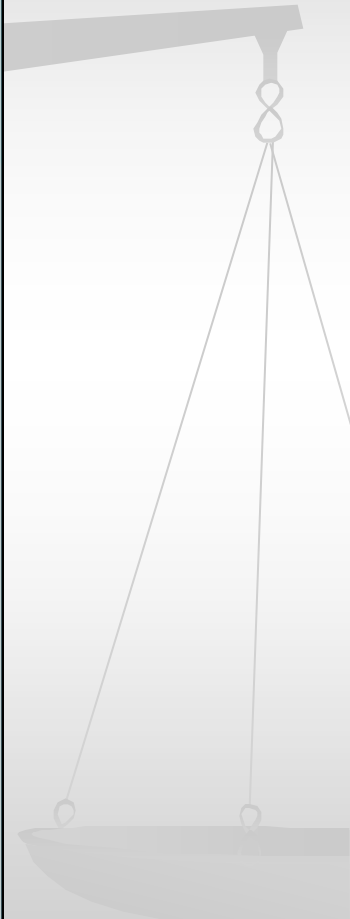
Family Court Commissioners now use the State of California's Guideline Child Support Calculator to determine the amount of child support to be ordered in a case. If you prefer to use XSpouse or XArrears, please double-click the icons on the desktop to get started with those programs.

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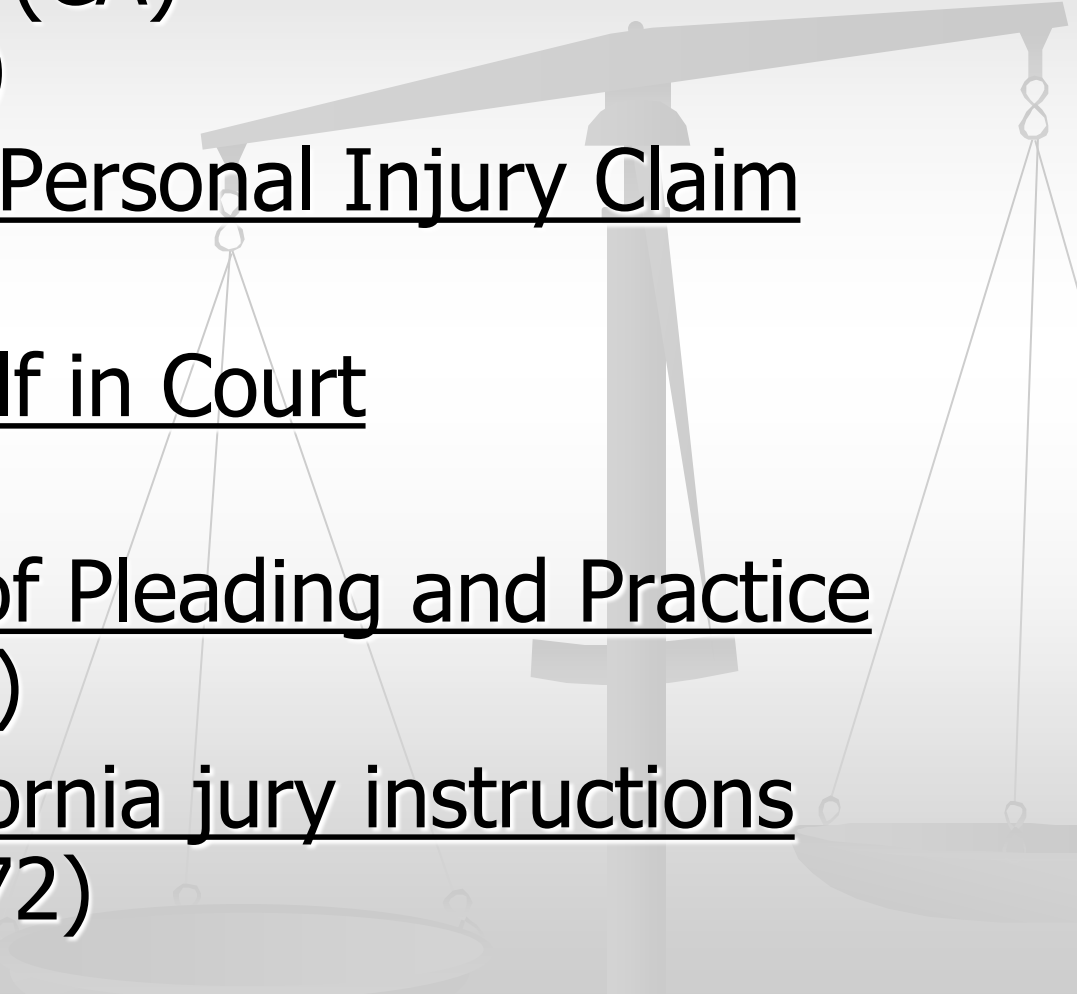
HUMAN Resources

“Find a human being.” – Bob Berring,
Professor of Law and former Dean of the Law Library at
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Some useful resources: books

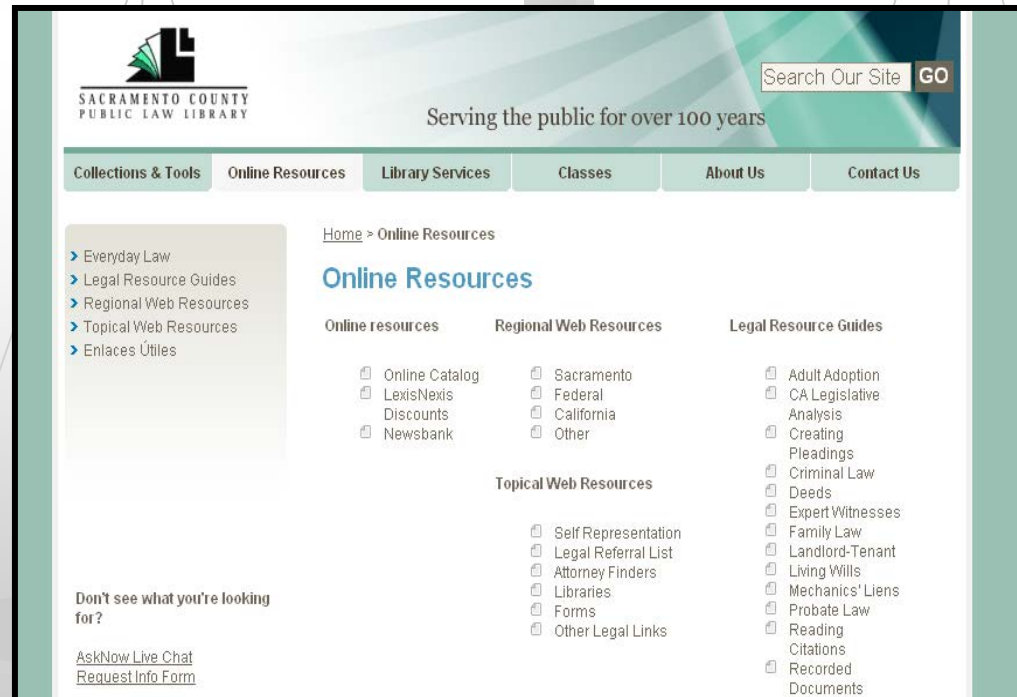
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 - Represent Yourself in Court
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 - California Forms of Pleading and Practice
(KFC1010 .A65C3)
 - CACI forms: California jury instructions
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- Codes
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- www.scselfservice.org/: Santa Clara Court's self-help website has detailed info and links to forms. Most info applies anywhere in CA. English, Spanish and Vietnamese.
- www.courts.ca.gov/jury/civiljuryinstructions/index.htm: online access to CACI jury instructions.
- saclaw.org/pleading-paper-sacramento: Saclaw's pre-formatted pleading paper

Sacramento County Superior Court

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Court forms

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www.scselfservice.org/



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