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INFORMATION ON CIVIL SUITS

The RULES OF JUDICIAL ETHICS PROHIBITS THIS OFFICE FROM GIVING LEGAL ADVICE OR HEARING YOUR CASE WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE DEFENDANT OR PLAINTIFF. If you need legal counseling, we highly recommend any licensed Texas attorney. Your first meeting with the attorney is usually free because the lawyer is trying to determine if they can be of service to you.

To begin your lawsuit:

1. ***For Debt Claim-*** You need to complete the Civil Suit Petition forms with the total dollar amount; including court costs **\$108.00**(to sue a 2nd defendant add **\$60.00**) and notary fee. ***PETITION FORMS MUST BE NOTARIZED.***
2. Once you return the form, the clerk will type a citation informing the defendant that they are being sued. This process takes a few days, if the person is at the location indicated on your form.
3. The defendant receives the lawsuit and has ten (14) days to respond the Office of the Justice of the Peace.
4. Your case will be scheduled to be heard in court after the defendant is served with the lawsuit.
5. In a Civil Suit, Corporations must be represented by an Attorney-TRCP 7.

REMEMBER, YOU MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE PROVING THAT THE DEFENDANT IS GUILTY!! THE DEFENDANT IS INNOCENT AND IT IS YOUR JOB TO PROVE (WITH RECEIPTS, JOURNALS, RECORDS, POLICE REPORT, WITNESSES) TO THE JUDGE OR JURY THAT THE PERSON COMMITTED A WRONG. IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH PROOF, THE CASE WILL BE DISMISSED.

Any case involving an auto accident, in which damages were incurred, should have three (3) estimates for repair of the vehicle.

If you have any questions concerning the forms from this office, please ask the clerk for some assistance. **IF YOU HAVE ANY LEGAL QUESTION, CONTACT LEGAL AID AT 546-5558 OR 1-800-369-2651!**

Thank you.

DEBT CLAIM CASE

CASE NO. (court use only) _____

**In the Justice Court Precinct 2-1
Cameron County, Texas**

PLAINTIFF _____

VS.

DEFENDANT(S): _____

Defendant(s) address info: _____

COMPLAINT: The basis for the claim which entitles the plaintiff to seek relief against the defendant is:

RELIEF: Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$ _____.

SERVICE OF CITATION: Service is requested on defendants by personal service at home or work or by alternative service as allowed by the Texas Justice Court Rules of Court. Other addresses where the defendant(s) may be served are:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CASE BASED ON CREDIT CARD, REVOLVING ACCOUNT, OR OPEN ACCOUNT):

Account/Credit Card Name: _____ **Account Number (may be masked):** _____

Date of Issue/Origination: _____ **Date of Charge-Off/Breach:** _____ **Amount Owed \$** _____ **as of** _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CASE BASED ON PROMISSORY NOTE OR OTHER PROMISE TO PAY PERSONAL OR BUSINESS LOAN):

Date/Amount of Original Loan: _____, \$ _____ **Repayment Accelerated?** ____ **Date Final Payment Due:** _____

Amount Due on Final Payment Date \$ _____ **Amount Due \$** _____ **as of** _____

ONGOING INTEREST: Plaintiff does, or does not seek ongoing interest. If so, this interest is based on the following contractual/statutory reason: _____ and should be at ____%. \$ _____ of interest was due as of _____.

ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM: Plaintiff or not assigned or otherwise transferred this claim. If so, the original claimant/creditor was _____, subsequent holders were _____, and the date the case was assigned/transferred to plaintiff was _____.

If you wish to give your consent for the answer and any other motions or pleadings to be sent to your email address, please check this box, and provide your valid email address: _____.

Petitioner's Printed Name

Signature of Plaintiff or Attorney

DEFENDANT(S) INFORMATION (if known):

Address of Plaintiff's Attorney, if any, or Plaintiff if none

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

City State Zip

***LAST 3 NUMBERS OF DRIVER LICENSE:** _____

***LAST 3 NUMBERS OF SOCIAL SECURITY:** _____

DEFENDANT'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

Phone & Fax No. of Plaintiff's Attorney, if any, or Plaintiff if none
Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

DEBT CLAIM CASE

CASE NO. (court use only) _____

**In the Justice Court Precinct 2-1
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PLAINTIFF _____

VS.

DEFENDANT(S): _____

Defendant(s) address info: _____

COMPLAINT: The basis for the claim which entitles the plaintiff to seek relief against the defendant is:

RELIEF: Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$ _____.

SERVICE OF CITATION: Service is requested on defendants by personal service at home or work or by alternative service as allowed by the Texas Justice Court Rules of Court. Other addresses where the defendant(s) may be served are:

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ONGOING INTEREST: Plaintiff does, or does not seek ongoing interest. If so, this interest is based on the following contractual/statutory reason: _____ and should be at ____%. \$ _____ of interest was due as of _____.

ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM: Plaintiff or not assigned or otherwise transferred this claim. If so, the original claimant/creditor was _____, subsequent holders were _____, and the date the case was assigned/transferred to plaintiff was _____.

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Petitioner's Printed Name

Signature of Plaintiff or Attorney

DEFENDANT(S) INFORMATION (if known):

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Address of Plaintiff's Attorney, if any, or Plaintiff if none

*LAST 3 NUMBERS OF DRIVER LICENSE: _____

City State Zip

*LAST 3 NUMBERS OF SOCIAL SECURITY: _____

DEFENDANT'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

Phone & Fax No. of Plaintiff's Attorney, if any, or Plaintiff if none
Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

JUSTICE COURT CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET (4/13)

CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): _____

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(e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition is filed to initiate a new suit. The information should be the best available at the time of filing. This sheet, required by Rule of Civil Procedure 502, is intended to collect information that will be used for statistical purposes only. It neither replaces nor supplements the filings or service of pleading or other documents as required by law or rule. The sheet does not constitute a discovery request, response, or supplementation, and it is not admissible at trial.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet:	2. Names of parties in case:										
<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%; border: none;">Name: _____</td> <td style="width: 15%; border: none;">Telephone: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Address: _____</td> <td style="border: none;">Fax: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">City/State/Zip: _____</td> <td style="border: none;">State Bar No: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="border: none;">Email: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="border: none;">Signature: _____</td> </tr> </table>	Name: _____	Telephone: _____	Address: _____	Fax: _____	City/State/Zip: _____	State Bar No: _____	Email: _____		Signature: _____		<p>Plaintiff(s): _____</p> <p>Defendant(s): _____ _____ _____</p> <p>[Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties]</p>
Name: _____	Telephone: _____										
Address: _____	Fax: _____										
City/State/Zip: _____	State Bar No: _____										
Email: _____											
Signature: _____											
3. Indicate case type, or identify the most important issue in the case (<i>select only 1</i>):											
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Debt Claim: A debt claim case is a lawsuit brought to recover a debt by an assignee of a claim, a debt collector or collection agency, a financial institution, or a person or entity primarily engaged in the business of lending money at interest. The claim can be for no more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Eviction: An eviction case is a lawsuit brought to recover possession of real property, often by a landlord against a tenant. A claim for rent may be joined with an eviction case if the amount of rent due and unpaid is not more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.</p>										
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Repair and Remedy: A repair and remedy case is a lawsuit filed by a residential tenant under Chapter 92, Subchapter B of the Texas Property Code to enforce the landlord's duty to repair or remedy a condition materially affecting the physical health or safety of an ordinary tenant. The relief sought can be for no more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Small Claims: A small claims case is a lawsuit brought for the recovery of money damages, civil penalties, personal property, or other relief allowed by law. The claim can be for no more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.</p>										