

United States District Court Western District of Louisiana



**Common Errors/Oversights
When filing New Complaints**

Opening a New Suit

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- Most commonly asked question: How do I file a new suit?
- Answer: Click on the **Civil** tab; choose **Civil Case - Unassigned**

Linking to MD 11-2299

MECF Civil ▾ Criminal ▾ Query Reports ▾ Utilities ▾ Search Logout ?

Open Unassigned Civil Case

Office ▾ Case type ▾

Date filed: 1/24/2013

Other court name

Other court number

JPML number

Related cases

- New suits are not linked to the MD case as a “**Related**” case.
- Please input the **JPML number** at the appropriate screen prompt.

Civil Cover Sheet

JS044 - Civil Cover Sheet.pdf - Adobe Acrobat
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Please fill out the following form. If you are a form author, choose Distribute Form in the Forms menu to send it to your recipients. Highlight Fields

JS 44 (Rev. 12/12)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

<p>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</p> <p>Jane Doe</p> <p>(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Montgomery County, TX</u> <i>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</i></p> <p>(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)</p>	<p>DEFENDANTS</p> <p>Takeda Pharmaceuticals U S A Inc</p> <p>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u>Orange County, CA</u> <i>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</i></p> <p>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.</p> <p>Attorneys (If Known)</p>																								
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- This form was last updated in December, 2012

Statistical Data

Open Unassigned Civil Case

Information needed for this screen can be found on the civil cover sheet.

Jurisdiction (Diversity) Cause of action Filter: Clear filter

Nature of suit (zero) Filter: Clear filter

Origin 1 (Original Proceeding)

Citizenship plaintiff

Citizenship defendant

Jury demand n (None) Class action n (No Class Action Alleged) Demand (\$000)

Arbitration code County Acadia

Fee status pd (paid) Fee date 1/23/2013 Date transfer

Next Clear

- All statistical data should be entered as it appears on the Civil Cover Sheet
- Filters are provided for convenience of searching for Cause of Action and Nature of Suit
- Class action, Arbitration code and Date transfer are left blank
- Fee status should be set to pd (paid)

Nature of Suit

The screenshot displays the ECF (Electronic Case Filing) system interface. On the left, a vertical menu lists various categories with their corresponding suit codes. The 'Nature of suit' category is highlighted in yellow, and the code 367 is selected. On the right, a search filter is visible with two input fields and 'Clear filter' buttons.

Category	Suit Code	Description
	340	(Marine)
	345	(Marine Product Liability)
	350	(Motor Vehicle)
	355	(Motor Vehicle Prod. Liability)
	360	(P.I.: Other)
	362	(Personal Inj. Med. Malpractice)
	365	(Personal Inj. Prod. Liability)
	367	(Personal Injury: Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product)
	368	(P.I. : Asbestos)
	370	(Fraud or Truth-In-Lending)
	371	(Truth in Lending)
	375	(Other Statutes: False Claims Act)
	380	(Personal Property: Other)
	385	(Prop. Damage Prod. Liability)
	400	(State Reapportionment)
	410	(Anti-Trust)
	422	(Bankruptcy Appeal (801))
	423	(Bankruptcy Withdrawal)
	430	(Banks and Banking)
	440	(Civil Rights: Other)

ECF
Open Unassigned
Information needed for
Jurisdiction
Cause of action
Nature of suit
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Citizenship plaintiff
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Jury demand

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- The correct Nature of Suit is 367 (Personal Injury: Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product)

County

ECF Civil Criminal Reports Utilities Search Logout

Open Unassigned Civil Case

Information needed for this screen can be found

Jurisdiction 3 (Federal Question)

Cause of action

Nature of suit 0 (zero)

Origin 1 (Original Proceeding)

Citizenship plaintiff

Citizenship defendant

Jury demand n (None) Class action

Arbitration code County

Fee status pd (paid) Fee date 1/17/2013 Date transfer

St. Helena
St. James
St. John Baptist
St. Landry
St. Martin
St. Mary
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Tensas
Terrebonne
Union
Vermilion
Vernon
Washington
Webster
West Baton Rouge
West Carroll
West Feliciana
Winn
XX US, Outside State
XX Outside US
Acadia

Filter: Clear filter

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Demand (\$000)

- The “County” reference on this screen refers to the County of the first Plaintiff, **not** the divisional office the suit is being filed in
- If Plaintiff is a resident of Louisiana, choose the corresponding Parish
- If Plaintiff resides outside the state of Louisiana, scroll down menu to find XX US, Outside State

When in doubt....

- Refer to the Training section of the Court's MDL website at <http://www.lawd.uscourts.gov/training>
- Contact Evelyn Alexander at 1-337-593-5016

