## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JOSEPH A. MAGNUS & CO., LLC, a

District of Columbia limited liability company 2052 W. Virginia Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002,

Plaintiff,

v.

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS LIMITED, a

private limited company under the laws of Scotland,

100 Queen Street

Glasgow, G1 3DN, Scotland

and

US BEVERAGE ADVERTISING CORP.

d/b/a RESERVE BAR, a Connecticut

Corporation

426 Main Street, Suite F

Ridgefield, CT 06877

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 1:19-cv-3347

COMPLAINT FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT, FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN, AND UNFAIR COMPETITION

Plaintiff Joseph A. Magnus & Co., LLC ("Plaintiff") for this Complaint against Defendants Highland Distillers Limited and US Beverage Advertising Corp. (collectively "Defendants"), alleges as follows:

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. This is an action for trademark infringement, false designation of origin, and unfair competition. Plaintiff sells whiskey and other distilled spirits throughout the United States. Since at least as early as 2015, Plaintiff has continuously used the marks MAGNUS,

JOSEPH MAGNUS, JOS. A. MAGNUS & CO., and other MAGNUS-formative marks in connection with the advertising, promotion and sale of distilled spirits in the United States. Plaintiff also operates a distillery in the District of Columbia where it sells and distributes these spirits. Plaintiff owns several trademark registrations and additional pending trademark applications for its MAGNUS-formative marks for whiskey, gin, and other distilled spirits.

Despite Plaintiff's registrations, Defendants commenced use of the mark
 MAGNUS for whiskey.

#### THE PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Joseph A. Magnus & Co., LLC is a District of Columbia limited liability company located at 2052 W. Virginia Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002.
- 4. Defendant Highland Distillers Limited ("HDL") is a private limited company organized under the laws of Scotland, located at 100 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3DN, Scotland. Upon information and belief, HDL manufactures the infringing whiskey and authorizes its importation, marketing, sale in the District of Columbia.
- 5. Defendant US Beverage Advertising Corp., d/b/a Reserve Bar ("Reserve Bar"), is a Connecticut corporation with its office at 426 Main Street Suite F, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Upon information and belief, Reserve Bar serves as HDL's agent, distributor, and partner in the marketing, sale and distribution of infringing whiskey in the District of Columbia.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. Plaintiff's claims arise under the trademark laws of the United States (Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. § 1051 *et seq.*), and the laws of the District of Columbia. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1338, 1367 and 15 U.S.C. § 1121. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the claims arising under the law of

the District of Columbia pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), because those claims are so related to the federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy and derive from a common nucleus of operative fact.

- 7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because they have deliberately sold and promoted for sale the infringing products in the District of Columbia. On information and belief, Defendant HDL is also subject to personal jurisdiction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(k)(2) because it is not subject to general jurisdiction in any state within the United States, the exercise of jurisdiction is consistent with the United States Constitution and laws, and Plaintiff's claims arise under federal law.
- 8. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because Plaintiff resides in this district and a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims herein transpired in this judicial district.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

9. Plaintiff began to sell distilled spirits under the marks MAGNUS, JOSEPH A. MAGNUS & CO., and JOSEPH MAGNUS in 2015. Plaintiff owns the following federal trademark registrations for MAGNUS-formative marks (Exhibit A):

TRADEMARK	REG. NO.	REG. DATE	GOODS
MAGNUS and Design  magnus	5694464	Mar. 12, 2019	Whiskey, gin and distilled spirits
JOSEPH MAGNUS	5694463	Mar. 12, 2019	Whiskey, gin and distilled spirits
JOSEPH A. MAGNUS & CO.	5281526	Sept. 5, 2017	Whiskey, gin and distilled spirits

- 10. Plaintiff's federally registered marks are evidence "of the validity of the registered mark[s] and of the registration of the mark[s], of the registrant's ownership of the mark[s], and of the registrant's exclusive right to use the registered mark in commerce on or in connection with the goods or services specified in the registration[s]...." 15 U.S.C. § 1115(a).
- 11. Plaintiff also owns common-law rights in the mark MAGNUS and formatives thereof for whiskey, gin, and distilled spirits. Collectively, Plaintiff's federally-registered and common-law MAGNUS-formative marks are referred to as the "MAGNUS Marks."
- 12. Plaintiff's MAGNUS Marks are inherently distinctive because they do not describe an attribute of Plaintiff's goods. The MAGNUS Marks do not identify any living individual.
- 13. Plaintiff has invested considerable resources to develop and promote its MAGNUS Marks. For four years, Plaintiff has advertised its distilled spirits over the internet at **josephmagnus.com** and at its distillery in the District of Columbia, the "Jos. A. Magnus

Distillery & Co." On account of Plaintiff's investment and substantially exclusive use of the MAGNUS Marks, the marks have come to be associated exclusively with goods and services emanating exclusively from Plaintiff.

- 14. In or around September 2017, which was approximately two years after Plaintiff's first use of its MAGNUS Marks, Defendants began to market and distribute whiskey under the trademark MAGNUS. The infringing spirits are available on Defendant Reserve Bar's website, which promotes that the spirits, manufactured by Defendant HDL, are "available for delivery" in the District of Columbia. *See* Exhibit B.
- 15. Defendants' product bears a similar design and overall appearance to Plaintiff's product sold under the MAGNUS Marks. Both products feature a solid black label with stylized white writing and design:



16. Defendant HDL first sought to register the trademark MAGNUS for "alcoholic beverages except beers," by filing an application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office (USPTO) on June 6, 2017. Plaintiff notified Defendant HDL that its use of the mark MAGNUS infringed Plaintiff's federally registered and common law trademarks. The USPTO rejected HDL's application to register MAGNUS over Plaintiff's registration of JOS. A. MAGNUS & CO., and HDL's trademark application was then declared abandoned by the USPTO.

- 17. Defendant HDL later applied to register the marks HIGHLAND PARK MAGNUS (Serial No. 87942996) and HIGHLAND PARK MAGNUS and Design (Serial No. 88049790) for "scotch whisky." The USPTO suspended these applications in September 2018 due to a likelihood of confusion with Plaintiff's then-pending application for MAGNUS and Design (which has subsequently matured into Registration No. 5694464), and with Plaintiff's still-pending application Serial No. 87618554 for the MAGNUS word mark. Despite the USPTO's conclusion that HDL's use and registration of the mark HIGHLAND PARK MAGNUS will cause a likelihood of confusion with Plaintiff's various MAGNUS marks, Defendant HDL has not yet abandoned those applications and continues to use the HIGHLAND PARK MAGNUS marks without permission from Plaintiff.
- 18. In use, Defendant's label features "MAGNUS" in substantially larger and more prominent typesize than "HIGHLAND PARK." (*See* depiction of Defendants' product immediately above). Indeed, a Google search of "MAGNUS WHISKEY" identifies HDL's infringing product in four of the first seven search results. *See* Exhibit C.
- 19. Defendants' conduct is likely to cause confusion, mistake and/or deception as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Defendants with Plaintiff and as to whether Plaintiff approves, sponsors or endorses Defendants' goods.
  - 20. Upon information and belief, significant actual confusion has already

occurred. Upon information and belief, customers who have ordered Plaintiff's MAGNUS-branded distilled spirits in bars and restaurants have mistakenly been served or offered to be served Defendants' whiskey. Upon information and belief, distributors and retailers have mistakenly filled customers' orders for Plaintiff's MAGNUS-branded distilled spirits with Defendants' infringing whiskey.

- 21. Upon information and belief, Defendants have used Plaintiff's MAGNUS Marks and colorable imitations of them with the intention of trading on the goodwill and reputation of Plaintiff's Marks.
  - 22. Defendants and Plaintiff are competitors in the alcohol beverage industry.
- 23. Unless enjoined, Defendants' continued unlawful conduct will irreparably injure Plaintiff. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

#### COUNT I TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT, UNFAIR COMPETITION AND FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN UNDER THE LANHAM ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1114)

- 24. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 23 of this Complaint.
- 25. Plaintiff owns federal trademark registrations for the MAGNUS Marks for whiskey, gin, and other distilled spirits.
- 26. Defendants' unauthorized use of MAGNUS or HIGHLAND PARK
  MAGNUS or any other formatives thereof in connection with distilled alcohol beverages
  constitutes trademark infringement, unfair competition and false designation of origin because
  such conduct is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and deception as to the affiliation, connection,
  association, origin, sponsorship or approval of Defendants' goods and business activities.
  - 27. As a direct result of Defendants' intentionally wrongful conduct, Defendants

are causing Plaintiff irreparable harm.

#### COUNT II TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT, UNFAIR COMPETITION, AND FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN UNDER THE LANHAM ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1125)

- 28. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 27 of this Complaint.
- 29. Plaintiff owns common law marks for MAGNUS and formatives thereof for whiskey, gin, and other distilled spirits.
- 30. Defendants' unauthorized use of MAGNUS, HIGHLAND PARK MAGNUS or any formatives thereof constitutes trademark infringement, unfair competition and false designation of origin because such conduct is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and deception as to the affiliation, connection, association, origin, sponsorship or approval of Defendants' goods and business activities.
- 31. As a direct result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Defendants are causing Plaintiff irreparable harm.

#### **COUNT III**

## TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMON LAW

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 31 of this Complaint.
- 33. Plaintiff owns common law marks for MAGNUS and formatives thereof for whiskey, gin, and other distilled spirits.
- 34. Defendants' unauthorized use of MAGNUS, HIGHLAND PARK MAGNUS and formatives thereof constitutes trademark infringement and unfair competition under the common law of the District of Columbia because such conduct is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and deception as to the affiliation,

connection, association, origin, sponsorship or approval of Defendants' goods and business activities.

35. As a direct result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Defendants are causing Plaintiff irreparable harm.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

- 1. That this Court grants a preliminary and permanent injunction:
  - a. enjoining Defendants, their employees, owners, agents, officers, directors, attorneys, representatives, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns, and all those in active concert or having knowledge of the causes of action, from using Plaintiff's MAGNUS Marks, alone or in combination with any other word(s), term(s), designation(s), mark(s), and/or design(s), as well as all similar marks and domain names;
  - requiring Defendants to destroy all literature, signs, billboards, labels,
     prints, packages, wrappers, containers, advertising materials, stationery,
     menus and other items in their possession, custody or control that use
     MAGNUS, HIGHLAND PARK MAGNUS or any formative thereof;
  - requiring Defendants to immediately and expressly abandon their U.S.
     trademark applications Serial Nos. 87942996 and 88049790 by filing the
     appropriate notice in each application proceeding; and
  - d. requiring Defendants to file with the Court and serve on Plaintiff, within thirty (30) days after entry of an injunction, a report in writing under oath setting forth in detail the manner in which Defendants have complied with the Court's injunction.

2. That this Court order that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117 and state law, Defendants be directed to pay Plaintiffs damages in an amount sufficient to fairly compensate them for the injury they have sustained, plus all the profits that are attributable to Defendants' sale of the infringing products in United States commerce, and such sums as the Court finds to be just, and further, that the amount of the monetary award granted be trebled in view of the willful nature of Defendants' unlawful conduct.

3. That pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117 and state law, this is found to be an exceptional case and that Defendants be ordered to pay to Plaintiffs the costs of this action and Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees.

4. That Plaintiff be awarded punitive damages.

5. That this Court award prejudgment and post-judgment interests, costs and expenses.

6. That this Court grant Plaintiff such other and further relief as it should deem just and proper.

Dated: November 6, 2019

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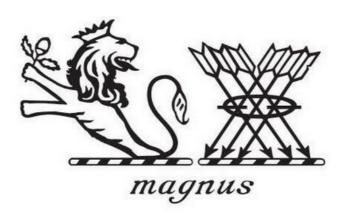
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Co., Inc.

## **EXHIBIT A**

# United States of America United States Patent and Trademark Office



Reg. No. 5,694,464

Jos. A. Magnus & Co., LLC (DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY)

Registered Mar. 12, 2019 9th Floor

300 New Jersey Ave Nw

Int. Cl.: 33

Washington, D.C. 20001

Trademark

CLASS 33: Whiskey, gin and distilled spirits

**Principal Register** 

FIRST USE 9-12-2015; IN COMMERCE 9-12-2015

The mark consists of a design of a heraldic lion wearing a crown and holding a flower. The lion is situated on a horizontal bar with stripes. To the right of the lion is a design of six intersecting arrows contained in an oval with two horizontal lines. The arrows are situated on a horizontal bar with stripes. All of these elements appear above the wording "MAGNUS".

The name(s), portrait(s), and/or signature(s) shown in the mark does not identify a particular living individual.

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## WARNING: YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE CANCELLED IF YOU DO NOT FILE THE DOCUMENTS BELOW DURING THE SPECIFIED TIME PERIODS.

## Requirements in the First Ten Years\* What and When to File:

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- *Second Filing Deadline:* You must file a Declaration of Use (or Excusable Nonuse) and an Application for Renewal between the 9th and 10th years after the registration date.\* See 15 U.S.C. §1059.

## Requirements in Successive Ten-Year Periods\* What and When to File:

• You must file a Declaration of Use (or Excusable Nonuse) and an Application for Renewal between every 9th and 10th-year period, calculated from the registration date.\*

#### **Grace Period Filings\***

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Washington, DC 20001

Int. Cl.: 33

CLASS 33: Whiskey, gin and distilled spirits

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FIRST USE 8-14-2015; IN COMMERCE 8-14-2015

**Principal Register** 

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"& CO"

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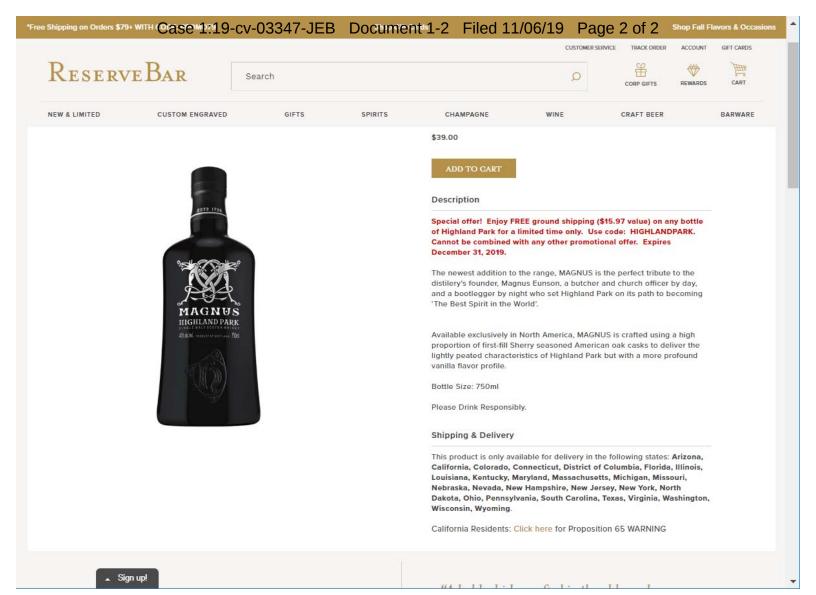
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#### Whisky Review: Highland Park Magnus - The Whiskey Wash

https://thewhiskeywash.com > Blog > Scotch ▼

Sep 27, 2017 - Magnus Eunson, a descendent of Norsemen, first fired up his whisky still in 1798. The man had been a butcher by trade before he turned to ...

#### Joseph Magnus Straight Bourbon Whiskey | Total Wine & More

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#### Joseph Magnus Straight Bourbon Whiskey Review & Tasting ...

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Sep 17, 2018 - Joseph Magnus Bourbon is a marriage of straight bourbon whiskey aged in white oak and finished in Oloroso sherry, Pedro Ximénez and ...

#### Review of Highland Park Magnus Single-Malt Scotch Whisky ...

https://scotchnoob.com > 2018/05/28 > highland-park-magnus ▼

May 28, 2018 - Highland Park Magnus "...bears the soul of our Viking ancestors, and the name of just one: our founder, Magnus Eunson. Enjoy a whisky ...

#### Buy Highland Park Magnus Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Caskers

https://www.caskers.com > highland-park-magnus-single-malt-scotch-whisky ▼ \$42.99 - In stock

Founding the northernmost Scotch whisky distillery in the world takes a very distinct sort of spirit. And Highland Park has captured the essence of that spirit.

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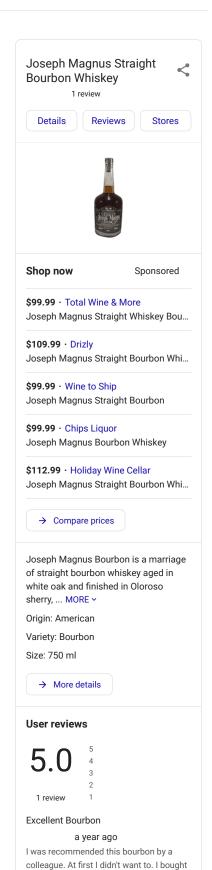
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A. Magnus & Co. distillery then triple-cask finishes the bourbon in used oloroso sherry, Pedro ... "This whiskey is like a skyscraper erected by a talented architect.

#### Joseph Magnus Straight Bourbon Whiskey Review ...

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Such is the case with Jos A. Magnus and Co.'s Joseph Magnus Straight Bourbon Whiskey. While the Magnus story doesn't include a natural disaster or a ...



it and gave it try. Excellent Bourbon. Excellent dark color. On the Nose, Good

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#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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O E. General Civil (Other)	OR		O F. Pro	Se Gen	eral Ci	ivil			
Real Property   210 Land Condemnation   220 Foreclosure   230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment   240 Torts to Land   245 Tort Product Liability   290 All Other Real Property   370 Other Fraud   371 Truth in Lending   380 Other Personal Property   Damage   385 Property Damage   385 Property Damage   Product Liability   Property Rights   820 Copyrights   830 Patent   835 Patent - Abbrevia   Drug Application   840 Trademark   Section 1		er onditions	870 871 Forfeitu 625 690 Other S 375 370 400 430 450	Federal Tax Suits  870 Taxes (US plaintiff or defendant)  871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609  Forfeiture/Penalty 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 690 Other  Other Statutes 375 False Claims Act 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) 400 State Reapportionment 430 Banks & Banking 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. 460 Deportation		462 Naturalization Application 465 Other Immigration Actions 470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organization 480 Consumer Credit 490 Cable/Satellite TV 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange 896 Arbitration 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes 890 Other Statutory Actions (if not administrative agency review or Privacy Act)			

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O G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255  530 Habeas Corpus – General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee	O H. Employment Discrimination  442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)	O I. FOIA/Privacy Act  895 Freedom of Information Act 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act)	O J. Student Loan  152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)			
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O K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)  710 Fair Labor Standards Act 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 740 Labor Railway Act 751 Family and Medical Leave Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	O L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)  441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)  443 Housing/Accommodations 440 Other Civil Rights 445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment  446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other 448 Education	O M. Contract  110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholder's Suits 190 Other Contracts 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise	O N. Three-Judge Court  441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act)			
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.)						
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT						
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	(See instruction) YES	NO If yes, p	lease complete related case form			
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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services 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. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed <u>only</u> if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.

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A lawsuit has been filed against you.	
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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be You also must file your answer or motion with the court.	entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
	ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK OF COURT

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

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	☐ I personally serve	d the summons on the ind	ividual at (place)					
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	on (date)	, and mailed a	copy to the individual's last known address; or					
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