

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN ST. CROIX

_____)
(Print your full name))
)
Plaintiff *pro se*,)
)
v.)
)
_____)
_____)
Defendant(s))

COMPLAINT

Civil Action No. _____
(To be provided by the Clerk of Court)

Provide full name(s) of defendant(s). If you cannot fit the names of all of the defendants in the space provided, please write "see attached" in the space above and attach an additional sheet of paper with the full list of names. The names listed in the above caption must be identical to those contained in Part II below.

I. Basis for Jurisdiction:

Federal Question (suit is based upon a treaty, federal statute or the United States Constitution)¹

What federal Constitutional, statutory or treaty right is at issue?

Diversity (none of the defendants are residents of the state where plaintiff is a resident and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00).²

Plaintiff's state of citizenship: _____

Defendant(s) state(s) of citizenship: _____

Other (describe) _____

¹ See 28 U.S.C. § 1331

² See 28 U.S.C. § 1332

II. Parties in this complaint:

- A. List your name, address and telephone number. You **must** keep the Clerk of Court apprised of your current contact information.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email Address: _____

- B. Provide the name and address of each defendant listed in the caption on the first page. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Defendant No. 1

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Defendant No. 2

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____

If there are more than two defendants, attach a separate sheet. For each defendant, specify: (1) name; (2) street address; and (3) city/state/zip code.

III. Statement of Claim

Describe how each of the defendants named in the caption of this complaint is involved in this action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. **Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes.**

- A. Where did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur? _____

- B. What date did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur? _____

C. Provide the essential facts of your case "**IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS, EACH LIMITED AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE TO A SINGLE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES.**"³ *Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary, numbering each allegation.*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

³ FED. R. CIV. P. 10.

IV. Damages

Describe how you were damaged by any action or conduct of the defendant(s). If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe them and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and received.

V. Relief Requested (*check only those that apply*). If you named two or more defendants and are seeking different relief against each defendant, indicate accordingly.

Monetary damages in the amount of: _____
against:

___ All defendants ___ Def. No. 1 ___ Def. No. 2

An injunction ordering: _____
against:

___ All defendants ___ Def. No. 1 ___ Def. No. 2

Other (*specify*): _____
against:

___ All defendants ___ Def. No. 1 ___ Def. No. 2

Costs and fees incurred in litigating this matter.

Trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Such other relief as may be appropriate.

VI. Verification and Declaration under Penalty of Perjury

Initial each of the following:

_____ I have included **one** properly completed Form JS 44 Civil Cover Sheet (available from the clerk's office).

_____ I have included **one** properly completed Form VI-AO 44 Summons in a Civil Action (available from the clerk's office) **for each defendant** I am suing, including the defendant's full name, job title and work address.

_____ In addition to this complaint with an original signature, I have included **one copy** of this complaint for **each defendant**.

_____ I have included:

Full payment of the filing fee (\$400.00) via cash (delivered in person) or check or money order payable to Clerk, District Court of the Virgin Islands; or

A properly completed Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* in a Non-Prisoner Civil Action (Form VI-AO 240-NP)

_____ **I have included the following (available from the clerk's office):

Motion for Permission for Electronic Case Filing ("e-filing or ECF")

_____ I understand the Court may deny my ECF motion pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure 5.4(b)(2).

_____ I understand if the Court grants my ECF motion, it may subsequently terminate my e-filing access.

Pro Se ECF Registration Form

** *INITIAL and complete ECF motion/registration form only if you have access to a computer and an email account.*

_____ I agree to promptly notify the clerk of any change of address.

_____ I have read all of the statements in this complaint. [*Do not forget to keep a copy for your records.*]

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. 28 U.S.C. §1746; 18 U.S.C. §1621

This ___ day of _____, 20__.

Signature of plaintiff