EZLegalFile

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What is EZLegalFile?

- Development began in mid-2000
- Asks simple questions and completes forms based on user's answers
- When finished the user prints or e-Delivers their forms
- California Judicial Council Forms
- Court components for operations and fiscal use when e-Delivery is used

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What is EZLegalFile?

- Several legal subjects covered
  - Family Law (divorce, child custody, spousal support, paternity)
  - Small Claims
  - Unlawful Detainer
  - Domestic Violence
  - Guardianships

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Primary Objectives

- ✓ 24x7 access
- ✓ Greater accessibility
- ✓ Help with questions
- ✓ Easy to use
- ✓ Legalese-free
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ Proper forms

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Getting Started: The User

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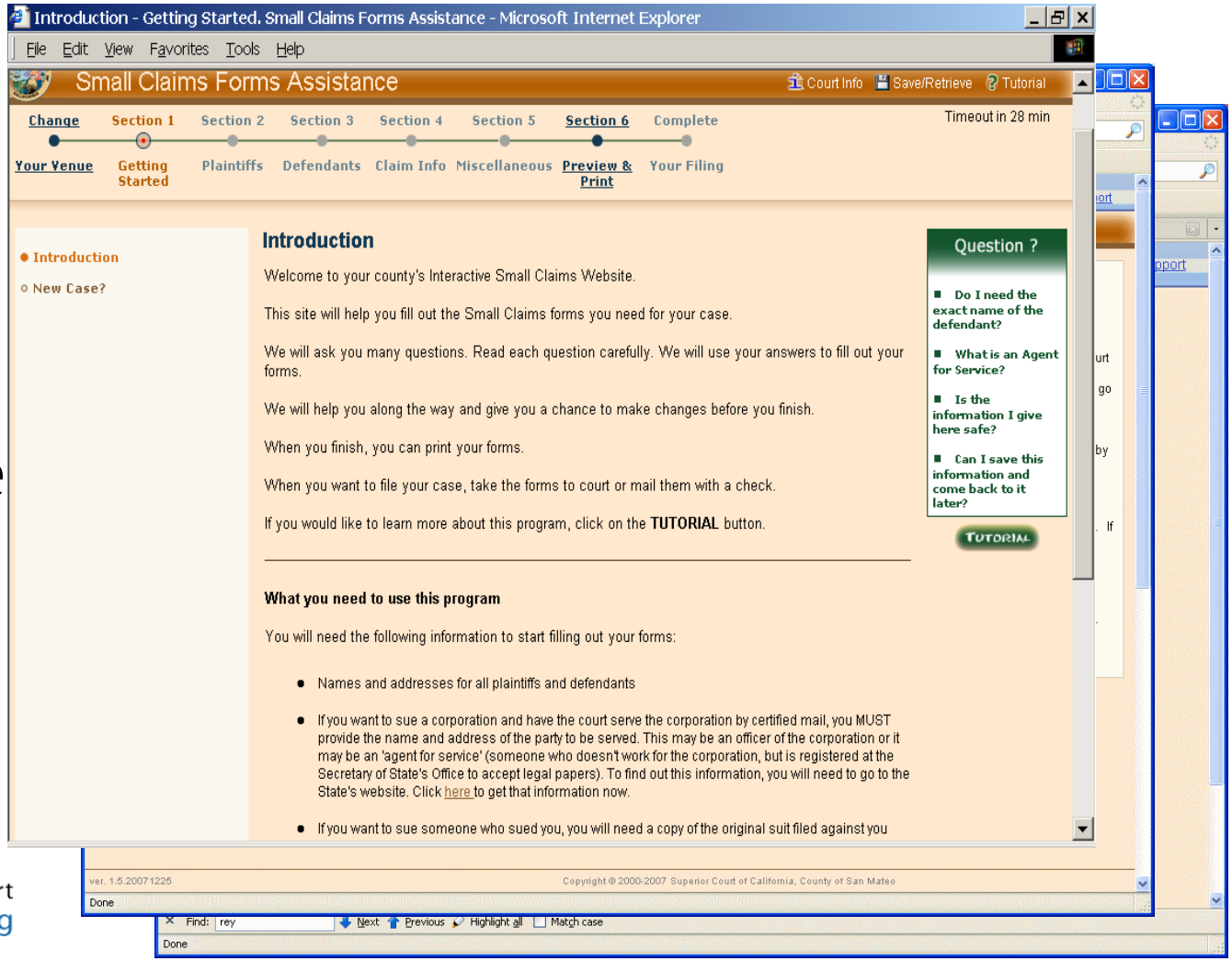
User logs into **EZLegalFile**.

User - Starts Questionnaire

- User selects case type
- Then court venue
- And starts questionnaire



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Examples of EZLegalFile Questions

Married?

Are you and the other party married? *

- Yes
- No

PREVIOUS NEXT

Marriage Dates

What is your:

Date of Marriage * (mm/dd/yyyy)

Date of Separation (mm/dd/yyyy)

PREVIOUS NEXT

Request for a Divorce

Would you like to get a divorce? *

- Yes
- No
- Divorce papers have already been filed but I want to file more papers to go to Court

PREVIOUS NEXT

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Examples of Tutorials and FAQ's

This is the status bar. It will tell you where you are in the process. Areas that are light gray do not apply to your situation as based on your responses to previous questions.

To display this page at any time, click on the **Help** button.

To exit the system, click on the **Exit** button.

This shows how much time is left before your session ends. To reset the timer, move to a different page.

Form Assistance

Section 1 Getting Started | Section 2 Response to Other Party's Filings | Section 3 Marriage | Section 4 Children | Section 5 Children from a Non-Marital Relationship | Section 6 Child Support | Section 7 Facts in Support | Section 8 Preview Print

Timeout in 32 min

Child Custody and Visitation

Do you want to start the process to get custody and/or visitation orders? *

Yes
No

Click on No if you are responding to an OSC.

Previous | Next

Question ?

- What is visitation?
- Who decides the visitation schedule?
- When is supervised visitation needed?
- What is supervised visitation?

Custody etc.
Number of Children
1st Child
1st Child
2nd Child
2nd Child Residency
Court Cases
Legal Custody
Physical Custody
Section Review

Click the yellow triangle for more information about that item.

The stars (*) mean that a response is required.

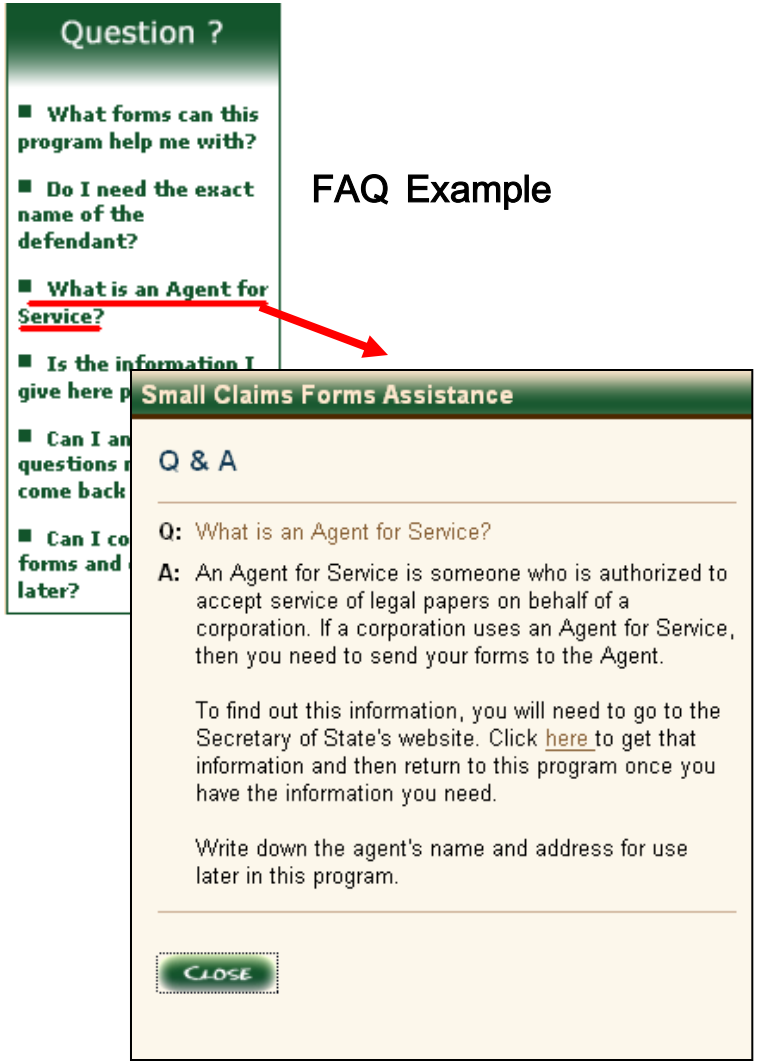
Click this button to return to the screen you were just on.

Click this button to go to the next question and save your selection(s).

These will help you answer the questions. Click on a question for help.

This will tell you how many questions remain in each section.

Tutorial Example



FAQ Example

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Example of Completed Form

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY *(Name, State Bar number, and address)*:
Sally Smith
5555 S. 2nd st
Antioch, CA 94553

TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO. *(Optional)*:
E-MAIL ADDRESS *(Optional)*:
ATTORNEY FOR *(Name)*:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
STREET ADDRESS: 725 Court Street
MAILING ADDRESS:
CITY AND ZIP CODE: Martinez, CA 94553
BRANCH NAME: Main Courthous

MARRIAGE OF
PETITIONER: Sally Smith
RESPONDENT: Spencer Smith

PETITION FOR
[X] Dissolution of Marriage
[ ] Legal Separation
[ ] Nullity of Marriage

1. RESIDENCE (Dissolution only) [X]
of this county for at least three month

2. STATISTICAL FACTS
a. Date of marriage: 07/05/2006
b. Date of separation: to be deter

3. DECLARATION REGARDING MINO
adopted during the marriage):
a. [X] There are no minor childre

e. Attorney fees and costs payable by ..... [X] [X]
f. Spousal support payable to (earnings assignment will be issued) ..... [ ] [ ]
g. [X] Terminate the court's jurisdiction (ability) to award spousal support to Respondent.
h. [ ] Property rights be determined.
i. [X] Petitioner's former name be restored to *(specify)*: Sutter
j. [ ] Other *(specify)*:

[ ] Continued on Attachment 7j.

8. **Child support**–If there are minor children born to or adopted by the Petitioner and Respondent before or during this marriage, the court will make orders for the support of the children upon request and submission of financial forms by the requesting party. An earnings assignment may be issued without further notice. Any party required to pay support must pay interest on overdue amounts at the "legal" rate, which is currently 10 percent.

9. **I HAVE READ THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON THE BACK OF THE SUMMONS, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY APPLY TO ME WHEN THIS PETITION IS FILED.**

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

Date: 11/29/2006

Sally Smith
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

Date:
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER)

NOTICE: Dissolution or legal separation may automatically cancel the rights of a spouse under the other spouse's will, trust, retirement plan, power of attorney, pay on death bank account, survivorship rights to any property owned in joint tenancy, and any other similar thing. It does not automatically cancel the right of a spouse as beneficiary of the other spouse's life insurance policy. You should review these matters, as well as any credit cards, other credit accounts, insurance polices, retirement plans, and credit reports to determine whether they should be changed or whether you should take any other actions. However, some changes may require the agreement of your spouse or a court order (see Family Code sections 231–235).

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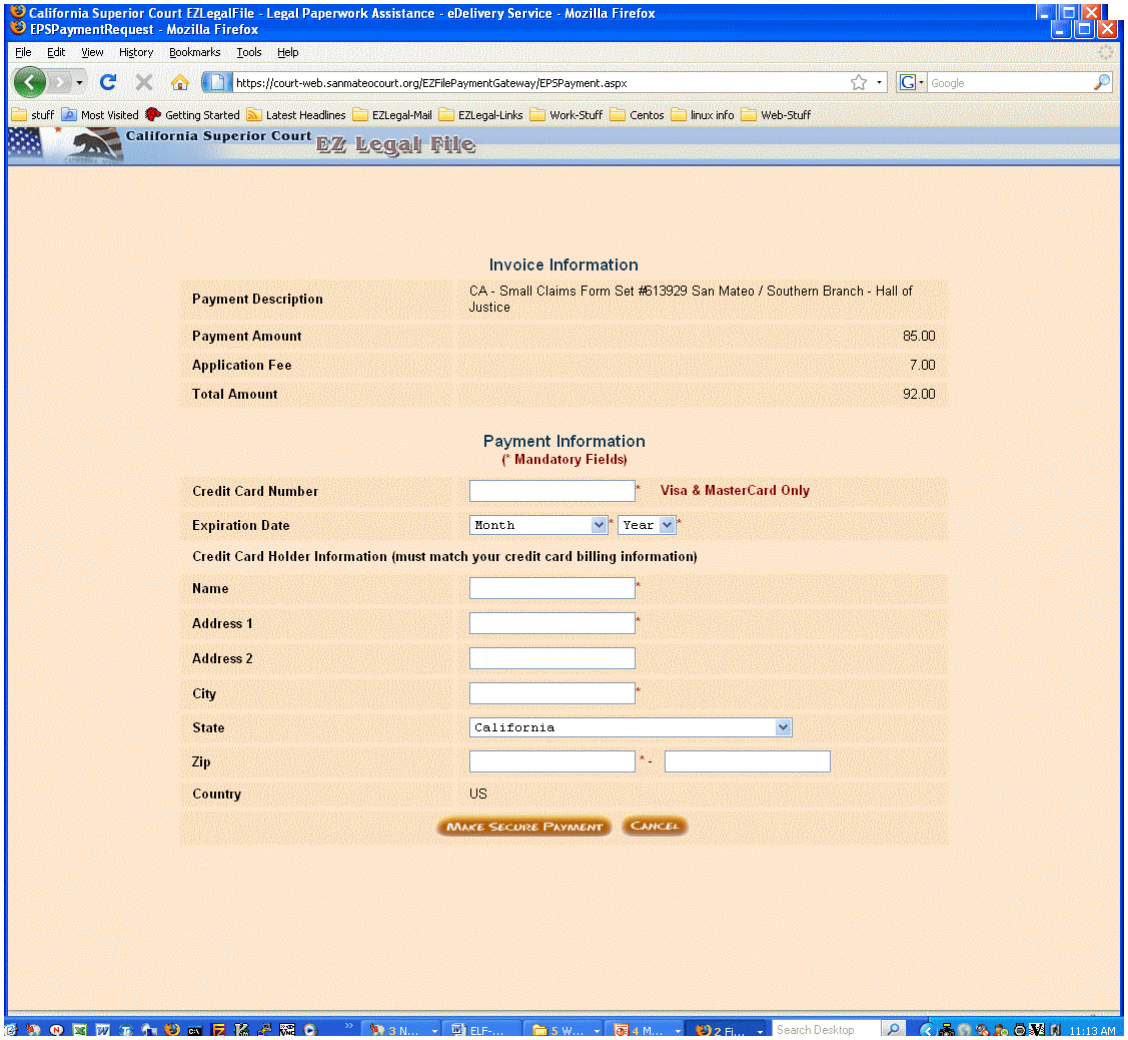
User: e-Deliver Filing



- The user reviews forms before submission
- Agreement serves as signature
- User enters credit card information

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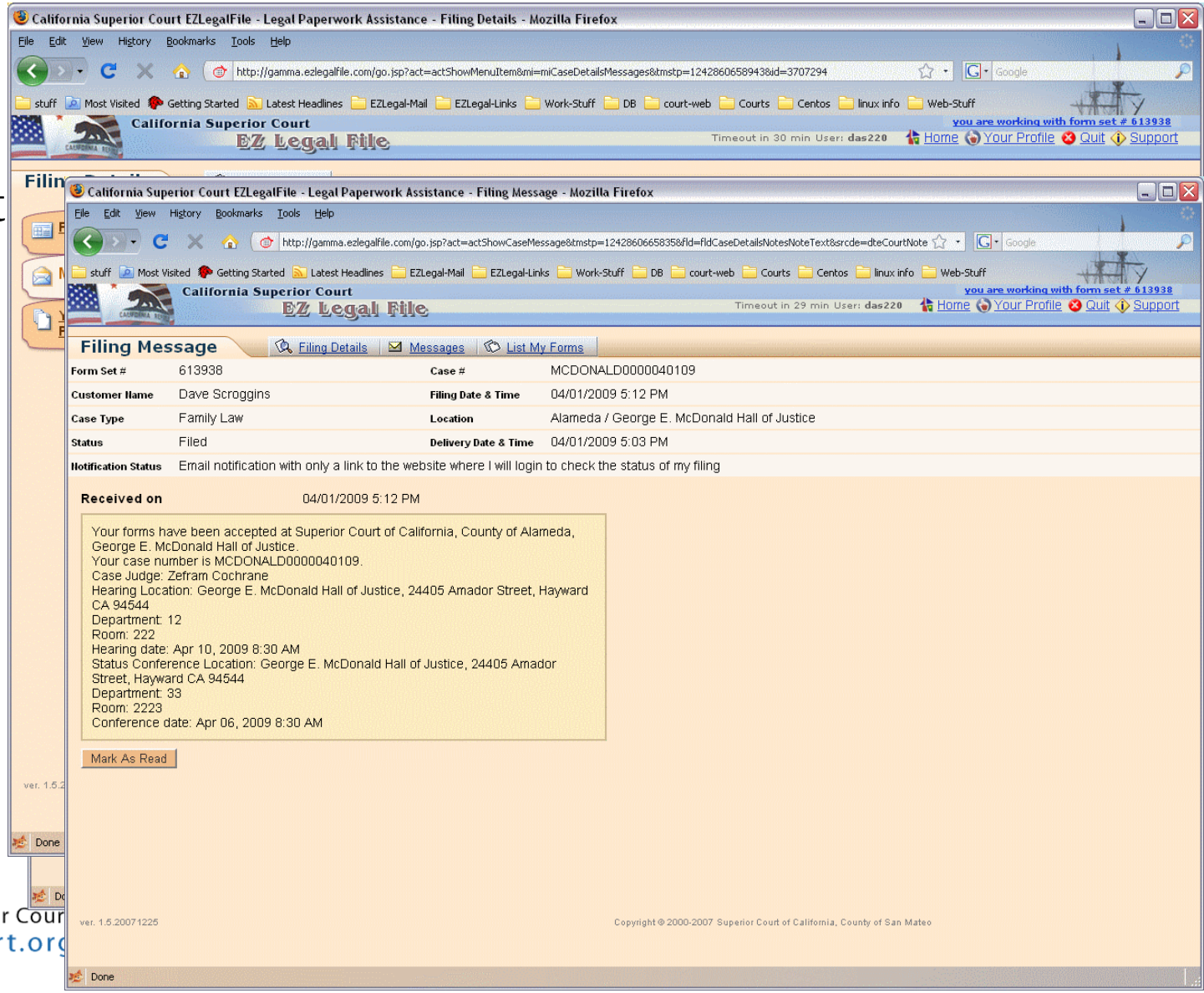
Filing Acceptance

- E-Delivered document list
- Message center
- Notifications from court



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Endorsed Documents

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, state bar number, and address):
Jane Smith State Bar No: 1234567
12 Main Street
Redwood City, CA 99999
Email: forms@ezlegalfile.com
TELEPHONE NO.: (777)777-7777 FAX NO.:
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): John Smith

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
STREET ADDRESS: 400 County Center
MAILING ADDRESS:
CITY AND ZIP CODE: Redwood City, CA 94063
BRANCH NAME: Southern Branch - Hall of Justice

CASE NAME: John Smith
vs Sally Jones

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ELECTRONICALLY FILED
BY SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
San Mateo
on Feb 25, 2005
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Deputy Clerk: court clerk

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET
[✔] Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds $25,000)
[ ] Limited (Amount demanded is $25,000 or less)

Complex Case Designation
[ ] Counter [ ] Joinder
Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 1811)

CASE NUMBER: CLJ3235801
JUDGE: Johnson
DEPT.: 99

All five (5) items 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
[ ] Auto (22)
[ ] Uninsured motorist (46)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort
[ ] Asbestos (04)
[ ] Product liability (24)
[ ] Medical m
[ ] Other PI/P

Non-PI/PD/WD
[ ] Business
[ ] Civil rights
[ ] Defamatio
[ ] Fraud (16)
[ ] Intellectua
[ ] Professior
[ ] Other non

Employment
[ ] Wrongful
[ ] Other emp

Contract
[✔] Breach of contract/warranty (06)
[ ] Collections (09)
[ ] Insurance coverage (18)
[ ] Other contract (37)

Real Property
[ ] Eminent domain/Inverse

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 1800–1812)
[ ] Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
[ ] Construction defect (10)
[ ] Mass tort (40)
[ ] Securities litigation (28)
[ ] Environmental /Toxic tort (30)

2. This case [ ] is [✔] is not complex under rule 1800 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, ma
factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
a. [ ] Large number of separately represented parties
b. [ ] Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve
c. [ ] Substantial amount of documentary evidence
d. [ ] Large number of witnesses
e. [ ] Coordination with related actions pending in one or in other counties, states or countries, or in a federal
f. [ ] Substantial post-judgment judicial supervision
3. Type of 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.

Date: 2/25/05

Jane Smith
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

ELECTRONICALLY DELIVERED
(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 under the Probate, Family, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 201.8.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.

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Benefits

User

- Completed forms
- Education about process and terms
- e-Delivery removes the need to come to court until the day of hearing

Court

- More time to assist more people
- Complete, accurate and legible forms

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San Mateo's Role

- Infrastructure support

- Online user support

- Application Management

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