



Class have been injured and have suffered an ascertainable loss.

**PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

3. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A) because this case is a class action where the aggregate claims of all Members of the putative Classes are in excess of \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and many of the Members of the putative Classes are citizens of different states than Defendant. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d).

4. Venue is properly set in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) since Defendant transacts business within this judicial district. Likewise, a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred within this judicial district.

5. Consistent with the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, the Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, because Defendant is present in the State of Missouri, such that requiring an appearance does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

6. This court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant pursuant to and consistent with the Constitutional requirements of Due Process in that Defendant, acting through its agents or apparent agents, committed one or more of the following:

- a. The transaction of any business within the state;
- b. The making of any contract within the state;
- c. The commission of a tortious act within this state; and
- d. The ownership, use, or possession of any real estate situated within this state.

7. Requiring Defendant to litigate these claims in Missouri does not offend traditional

notions of fair play and substantial justice and is permitted by the United States Constitution. All Plaintiff and Class Members' claims arise in part from conduct Defendant purposefully directed to Missouri. On information and belief, Defendant's "100%" Parmesan cheese products are sold at hundreds of local and national retailers, including, but not limited to Wal-Mart, Target, Schnuck's and Dierberg's, throughout the State of Missouri. On information and belief, Defendant avails itself of numerous advertising and promotional materials regarding its defective products specifically intended to reach consumers in Missouri, including but not limited to advertisements on local Missouri television programs, advertisements on local Missouri radio broadcasts, advertisements on billboards in Missouri and advertisements in print publications delivered to consumers in the State of Missouri.

8. Plaintiff and Class Members' claims arise out of Defendant's design, marketing and sale of "100%" Parmesan cheese products in the State of Missouri.

9. Defendant regularly conducts or solicits business and derives substantial revenue from goods used or consumed in, inter alia, the State of Missouri.

10. Defendant Kraft Heinz Foods Company is a Pennsylvania corporation with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Chicago, Illinois. Defendant Kraft Heinz Foods Company maintains an agent for service of process at 120 South Central Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

11. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Kraft Heinz Foods Company was engaged in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing, testing, packaging, promoting, marketing, distributing, labeling, and/or selling "100%" Parmesan cheese products.

12. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, Defendant Kraft Heinz Foods Company was present and doing business in the State of Missouri.

13. At all relevant times, Defendant Kraft Heinz Foods Company, transacted, solicited, and conducted business in the State of Missouri and derived substantial revenue from such business.

14. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Kraft Heinz Foods Company expected or should have expected that its acts would have consequences within the United States of America, and the State of Missouri in particular.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

15. Kraft's grated Parmesan cheese products are advertised as consisting of only one, simple ingredient – "100%" Parmesan cheese.

16. Kraft makes only one marketing representation on the label: the Product is "100%" Grated Parmesan Cheese. Consumers, including Plaintiff, reasonably rely on the label and believe Kraft's statement that the Product consists of "100%" Parmesan cheese means that no substitutes or fillers are present in the container. Because the Product does in fact contain fillers and substitutes, the "100%" Parmesan claim is literally false and is also misleading to consumers, including Plaintiff.

17. Independent testing shows that at least 3.8 percent of the Product is not Parmesan cheese. Indeed, at least 3.8 percent of the Product is not even cheese of any kind, but is rather fillers and additives. In fact, at least 3.8 percent of the Product is cellulose, an anti-clumping agent derived from wood chips.

18. Kraft has been falsely and misleadingly touting that its Grated Parmesan Cheese Products are "100%" Parmesan for decades. In the past, Kraft directly chastised its competitors as having Parmesan made with "fats and fillers," while Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" was advertised as the superior Parmesan product because it is "100% grated cheese" and "100% grated

Parmesan.”

19. Likewise, Kraft’s commercials claim that “If you won’t settle for Parmesan cheese that isn’t 100 percent Parmesan ... make sure you get one that is! Kraft Parmesan, it’s always 100 percent Parmesan, no fillers .... Real Italian meals don’t begin without Kraft 100 percent grated Parmesan cheese. Now, you can eat.”

20. Kraft’s misleading labeling and marketing of its Grated Parmesan Cheese products as consisting of “100%” Parmesan have been identical for decades.

21. Indeed, Kraft’s uniform marketing and labeling campaign advertising that its “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” literally contains 100% Parmesan stretches back even before the 1990’s. For example, in a 1984 advertisement, a “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” wrapper surrounds what appears to be an actual cylinder of Parmesan cheese.

22. Kraft’s labels for its Grated Parmesan Cheese products in Canada likewise explain that the “100%” representation is a crucial attribute of Kraft’s overall marketing message. Like with Kraft’s United States labels depicted above, “The label doesn’t just say Parmesan, it says 100% Parmesan.”

23. Defendant has made, and continues to make, unlawful, false, fraudulent, and misleading claims on the food labels of Kraft’s “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” Products.

#### **PLAINTIFFS’ USE OF KRAFT’S “100%” PARMESAN CHEESE PRODUCTS**

24. Plaintiff Richard Evans is and was at all times alleged herein a citizen of the State of Missouri and currently resides in St. Louis, Missouri.

25. Plaintiff Richard Evans purchased Kraft’s “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” Products on numerous occasions, including but not limited to, in or about 2015 within St. Louis,

Missouri. Plaintiff Richard Evans consumed Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products in or about 2015 within St. Louis, Missouri.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

26. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf and, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of the following class:

All persons who purchased Kraft "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products in the State of Missouri for personal use.

Excluded from the Class are Defendant and its affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, employees, officers, agents, and directors. Also excluded is any trial judge who may preside over this cause.

27. The Members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all Members is impracticable. On information and belief, hundreds of thousands of consumers have purchased Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products. Disposition of the claims of the proposed Class in a class action will provide substantial benefits to both the parties and the Court.

28. The rights of each member of the proposed Class were violated in a similar fashion based upon Defendants' uniform wrongful actions and/or inaction.

29. The following questions of law and fact are common to each proposed Class Member and predominate over questions that may affect individual Class Members:

- a. Whether Defendant engaged in marketing and promotional activities which were likely to deceive consumers by omitting, suppressing, and/or concealing the true content of Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products;
- b. Whether Defendant omitted, suppressed, and/or concealed material facts concerning Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products from consumers;
- c. What the fair market value of Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products would have been throughout the class period but for Defendant's, its employees', agents', apparent agents', independent contractors', sales representatives', and/or liaisons', omissions, suppressions, and/or concealments concerning the true content of Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products;

- d. Whether the prices which Defendant charged for Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products throughout the class period exceeded the fair market value Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products would have had but for Defendant's omissions, suppressions, and/or concealments;
  - e. Whether Plaintiff and the Class were deprived of the benefit of the bargain in purchasing Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products;
  - f. Whether the excessive prices that Defendant charged for Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products constituted unfair acts or practices in violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act;
  - g. Whether Defendant's unconscionable actions occurred in connection with the Defendant's conduct of trade and commerce;
  - h. Whether Defendant's omissions, suppressions, and/or concealments of the content of Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products enabled Defendant to charge unfair or unconscionable prices for Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products;
  - i. Whether Defendant violated the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act through its course of unfair and/or deceptive conduct as alleged herein;
  - j. Whether Defendant was unjustly enriched at the expense of the Class members;
  - k. Whether Defendant's conduct in violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act was willful and wanton; and
  - l. Whether the Class has been damaged and, if so, the extent of such damages.
30. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of absent Class Members. If brought individually, the claims of each Class Member would necessarily require proof of the same material and substantive facts, and seek the same remedies.

31. Plaintiff is willing and prepared to serve the Court and the proposed Class in a representative capacity. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the Class and have no interests adverse to, or which directly and irrevocably conflicts with, the interests of other Members of the Class. Further, Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in prosecuting complex class action litigation.

32. Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the proposed Class, thereby making appropriate equitable relief with respect to the Class.

33. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual claims by the Class Members are impractical, as the costs of prosecution may exceed what any Class Member has at stake.

34. Members of the Class are readily ascertainable through Defendant's records and files and from other sources.

35. Prosecuting separate actions by individual Class Members would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications that would establish incomparable standards of conduct for Defendant. Moreover, adjudications with respect to individual Class Members would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other Class Members.

#### **TOLLING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

36. The filing of this Class Action Complaint serves to toll and preserve the claims of the Class and other purchasers who were defrauded and injured by Defendant's wrongful and unlawful acts, and the commencement of this action suspends the applicable statute of limitations as to all asserted members of the Class who would have been parties had the suit been permitted to continue as a class action until a district judge declines to certify a class, or certifies a class that excludes particular persons.

37. Defendant at all relevant times knew or should have known of the problems and defects with Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products, and the falsity and misleading nature of Defendants' statements, representations and warranties with respect to Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products. Defendant concealed and failed to notify Plaintiff, the Class members, and the public of such defects.



38. Any applicable statute of limitation has therefore been tolled by Defendant's knowledge, active concealment and denial of the facts alleged herein, which behavior is ongoing.

**COUNT I**  
**Missouri Merchandising Practices Act**

39. Plaintiff and Class Members incorporate by reference each and every paragraph of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein and further alleges as follows.

40. This Count is brought pursuant to the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, §407.010 et seq.

41. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff, the Class and Defendant, were persons within the meaning of Mo. Rev. Stat. §407.010(5).

42. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff and Class Members were purchasers within the meaning of Mo. Rev. Stat. §407.025.1.

43. At all times material hereto, Defendant conducted trade and commerce within the meaning of Mo. Rev. Stat. §407.010(7).

44. The Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, §407.020.1 et seq., provides in pertinent part that:

The act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce....in or from the state of Missouri, is declared to be an unlawful practice....Any act, use or employment declared unlawful by this subsection violates this subsection whether committed before, during or after the sale, advertisement or solicitation.

45. Beginning the first date Defendant placed its Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products into the stream of commerce in Missouri and continuing through the present, Defendant, by and through its employees, agents, apparent agents, and/or sales representatives, engaged in concealment, suppressions, and/or omissions,

misrepresentations, unlawful schemes and courses of conduct intended to induce Plaintiff and members of the Class to purchase Defendant's Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products through one or more of the following unfair and/or deceptive acts and/or practices:

- a. Knowingly, intentionally, and/or recklessly omitted, suppressed, and/or concealed the content of Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products;
- b. Knowingly, intentionally, and/or recklessly omitted, suppressed, and/or concealed the true nutritional value of Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products;
- c. Knowingly, intentionally, recklessly, or negligently omitted proper labels from being placed on its packaging, or otherwise calling attention to the actual ingredients in Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products;
- d. Omitted, suppressed, and/or concealed the content of the Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products it manufactured, marketed, promoted, distributed, and/or sold.

46. The facts which Defendant omitted, suppressed, and/or concealed as alleged in the preceding paragraph were material in that they concerned facts that would have been important to a reasonable consumer in making a decision whether to purchase Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products.

47. Defendants' conduct as alleged in the preceding paragraphs was unfair in that it (1) offended public policy; (2) it was immoral, unethical, oppressive, and/or unscrupulous; and/or (3) it caused substantial economic injury to consumers, namely Plaintiff and members of the Class.

48. Defendant's unfair and/or deceptive acts and/or practices alleged in the preceding paragraph occurred in connection with Defendant's conduct of trade and commerce in Missouri.

49. Defendant intended for Plaintiff and members of the Class to purchase Defendant's Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products in reliance upon Defendant's

unfair and/or deceptive acts and/or practices in the marketing, promotion, and sale of its Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products.

50. Defendant's unfair and/or deceptive acts and/or practices were committed with willful and wanton disregard for whether or not Plaintiff and members of the Class would actually receive an appropriate product.

51. Defendant's unfair and/or deceptive acts and/or practices violate the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, § 407.020.1.

52. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unfair and/or deceptive acts and/or practices, Plaintiff and members of the Class did not receive a safe and/or effective product when they purchased Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products.

53. Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial, including all compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the Class pray for Judgment in their favor and against Defendant on this Count I of their Complaint; for actual and compensatory damages; for punitive or exemplary damages; for costs, expenses and attorney fees as allowed by law; and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

**COUNT II**  
**UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

54. Plaintiff and Class Members incorporate by reference each and every paragraph of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein and further alleges as follows.

55. As stated with more particularity above, Defendant embarked on and carried out a common scheme of marketing and selling Kraft's "100% Grated Parmesan Cheese" Products by omitting, suppressing, and/or concealing the true content of Kraft's "100% Grated

Parmesan Cheese” Products.

56. Defendant’s practices were designed to result in Plaintiff and members of the Class purchasing Kraft’s “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” Products.

57. Defendant’s practices further resulted in Plaintiff and members of the Class purchasing Kraft’s “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” Products without understanding the true content of Defendant’s products or Defendant’s omissions, suppressions, and/or concealment of material terms to increase its own ill-gotten profits.

58. The monies paid by Plaintiff and the Class Members to Defendant in the purchase of Kraft’s “100% Grated Parmesan Cheese” Products conferred substantial benefits upon Defendant. Defendant knew of and appreciated the benefits conferred upon it by Plaintiff and the Class and accepted and retained these benefits, which, in justice and fairness, should be refunded and paid over to Plaintiff and the Class in an amount to be proven at trial.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the Class pray for Judgment in their favor and against Defendant on this Count II of their Complaint; for actual and compensatory damages; for punitive or exemplary damages; for costs, expenses and attorney fees as allowed by law; and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

**JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

Plaintiff and Class Members demand a jury trial as to all claims and issues triable of right by a jury.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and Members of the proposed Class pray that this Honorable Court do the following:



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No.
	)	
	)	
Defendant,	)	
	)	

**ORIGINAL FILING FORM**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND VERIFIED BY THE FILING PARTY WHEN INITIATING A NEW CASE.**

THIS SAME CAUSE, OR A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPLAINT, WAS PREVIOUSLY FILED IN THIS COURT AS CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AND ASSIGNED TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_.

THIS CAUSE IS RELATED, BUT IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO ANY PREVIOUSLY FILED COMPLAINT. THE RELATED CASE NUMBER IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT CASE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE HONORABLE \_\_\_\_\_. THIS CASE MAY, THEREFORE, BE OPENED AS AN ORIGINAL PROCEEDING.

NEITHER THIS SAME CAUSE, NOR A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPLAINT, HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FILED IN THIS COURT, AND THEREFORE MAY BE OPENED AS AN ORIGINAL PROCEEDING.

**The undersigned affirms that the information provided above is true and correct.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Filing Party

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Plaintiff(s),
vs.
Defendant(s).
Case No.

DISCLOSURE OF ORGANIZATIONAL INTERESTS
CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Local Rule 3-2.09 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1, Counsel of record for \_\_\_\_\_ hereby discloses the following organizational interests:

- 1. If the subject organization is a corporation,
a. Its parent companies or corporations (if none, state "none"):
b. Its subsidiaries not wholly owned by the subject corporation (if none, state "none"):
c. Any publicly held company or corporation that owns ten percent (10%) or more of the subject corporation's stock (if none, state "none"):
2. If the subject organization is a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership, its members and each member's state of citizenship:

Signature (Counsel for Plaintiff/Defendant)
Print Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Disclosure of Organizational Interests Certificate was served (by mail, by hand delivery, or by electronic notice) on all parties on:
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

_____	)	
Plaintiff (s),	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No.
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Defendant(s).	)	

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE  
PROCESS SERVER

Comes now \_\_\_\_\_ and notifies the court of the intent to use  
(Plaintiff or Defendant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name and address of process server)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

To serve: \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
(name of defendants to be served by this process server)

above-styled cause. The process server listed above possesses the  
requirements as stated in Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The undersigned affirms the information provided above is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(attorney for Plaintiff)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(attorney for Defendant)



AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

for the

\_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_

_____	)	
<i>Plaintiff</i>	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No.
	)	
_____	)	
<i>Defendant</i>	)	

**SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: *(Defendant's name and address)*

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

*CLERK OF COURT*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk*

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_.

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_; or

Other *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

DEFENDANTS

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, PTF DEF, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State, Foreign Nation

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Table with 5 columns: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES. Contains various legal categories and checkboxes.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from Another District, 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
Brief description of cause:

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.  
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.  
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.  
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.  
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.  
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.  
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.  
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.  
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.  
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.  
 Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.  
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.  
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.
- Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

Civil Cover Sheet

Richard Evans, et al. v. Kraft Heinz Food Company

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