

# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:****(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

ZIBRA, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

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Superior Court of California,  
County of Los Angeles  
5/19/2025 11:25 AM  
David W. Slayton,  
Executive Officer/Clerk of Court,  
By E. Galicia, Deputy Clerk

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:****(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC, a California limited liability company,

**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

**¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.**

**Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO** después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Los Angeles Superior Court  
Stanley Mosk Branch  
111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso):

**258T CV 14562**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Vineet Dubey, Esq., Custodio &amp; Dubey LLP, 445 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2520, Los Angeles, CA 90071

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

DATE:

(Fecha) 05/19/2025

Clerk, by

(Secretario)

E. Galicia

, Deputy

(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010).)

[SEAL]

**NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served**

- ☐ as an individual defendant.
- ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
- ☒ on behalf of (specify): Zibra, LLC  
under: ☒ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)  
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)  
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)  
☐ other (specify):
- ☐ by personal delivery on (date)

<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA</b> <b>COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES</b>		Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>FILED</b>          Superior Court of California          County of Los Angeles  <b>05/19/2025</b>          David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court          By: <u>E. Galicia</u> Deputy       </div>
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: <b>Stanley Mosk Courthouse</b> <b>111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012</b>		
<b>NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT</b>  <b>UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE</b>		
<b>Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below.</b>		CASE NUMBER: <b>25STCV14562</b>

**THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM		ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM
✓ Maureen Duffy-Lewis	38					

Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record **David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court**  
 on 05/19/2025 (Date) By E. Galicia, Deputy Clerk

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES**

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

### **APPLICATION**

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

### **PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES**

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

### **CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE**

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within **15** days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

### **TIME STANDARDS**

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

### **COMPLAINTS**

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

### **CROSS-COMPLAINTS**

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

### **STATUS CONFERENCE**

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

### **FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE**

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

### **SANCTIONS**

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

**This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.**

### **Class Actions**

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

### **\*Provisionally Complex Cases**

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):

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TELEPHONE NO.: 213-593-9095

FAX NO. (Optional):

ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Ecological Alliance, LLC

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## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill St.

MAILING ADDRESS: same

CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles 90012

BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk

## CASE NAME:

Ecological Alliance, LLC vs. Zibra, LLC

## CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

☒ **Unlimited** ☐ **Limited**  
(Amount (Amount  
demanded demanded is  
exceeds \$25,000) \$25,000)

## Complex Case Designation

☐ Counter ☐ Joinder  
Filed with first appearance by defendant  
(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)

CASE NUMBER:

25STCV14562

JUDGE:

DEPT.:

Items 1-6 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 malpractice (45)

## Other PI/PD/WD (23)

## Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

☐ Business tort/unfair business practice (07)  
☐ Civil rights (08)  
☐ Defamation (13)  
☐ Fraud (16)  
☐ Intellectual property (19)  
☐ Professional negligence (25)  
☐ Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)

## Employment

☐ Wrongful termination (36)  
☐ Other employment (15)

## Contract

☐ Breach of contract/warranty (06)  
☐ Rule 3.740 collections (09)  
☐ Other collections (09)  
☐ Insurance coverage (18)  
☐ Other contract (37)

## Real Property

☐ Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)  
☐ Wrongful eviction (33)  
☐ Other real property (26)

## Unlawful Detainer

☐ Commercial (31)  
☐ Residential (32)  
☐ Drugs (38)

## Judicial Review

☐ Asset forfeiture (05)  
☐ Petition re: arbitration award (11)  
☐ Writ of mandate (02)  
☐ Other judicial review (39)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation  
(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403)

☐ Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)  
☐ Construction defect (10)  
☐ Mass tort (40)  
☐ Securities litigation (28)  
☐ Environmental/Toxic tort (30)  
☐ Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)

## Enforcement of Judgment

☐ Enforcement of judgment (20)

## Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

☐ RICO (27)  
☒ Other complaint (not specified above) (42)

## Miscellaneous Civil Petition

☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21)  
☐ Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

- a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties d. ☐ Large number of witnesses  
b. ☐ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court  
c. ☐ Substantial amount of documentary evidence f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision

3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☐ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): One

5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: May 19, 2025

Vineet Dubey, Esq.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(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 filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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# INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

CM-010

**To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers.** If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you **must** complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

**To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases.** A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

**To Parties in Complex Cases.** In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

## CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

### Auto Tort

Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death  
Uninsured Motorist (46) *(if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)*

### Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)  
Asbestos Property Damage  
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death  
Product Liability *(not asbestos or toxic/environmental)* (24)  
Medical Malpractice (45)  
Medical Malpractice—Physicians & Surgeons  
Other Professional Health Care Malpractice  
Other PI/PD/WD (23)  
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)  
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)  
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress  
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress  
Other PI/PD/WD

### Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)  
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) *(not civil harassment)* (08)  
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)  
Fraud (16)  
Intellectual Property (19)  
Professional Negligence (25)  
Legal Malpractice  
Other Professional Malpractice *(not medical or legal)*  
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

### Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)  
Other Employment (15)

### Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)  
Breach of Rental/Lease  
Contract *(not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)*  
Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller Plaintiff *(not fraud or negligence)*  
Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty  
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty  
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)  
Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff  
Other Promissory Note/Collections Case  
Insurance Coverage *(not provisionally complex)* (18)  
Auto Subrogation  
Other Coverage  
Other Contract (37)  
Contractual Fraud  
Other Contract Dispute

### Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)  
Wrongful Eviction (33)  
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)  
Writ of Possession of Real Property  
Mortgage Foreclosure  
Quiet Title  
Other Real Property *(not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)*

### Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)  
Residential (32)  
Drugs (38) *(if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)*

### Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)  
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)  
Writ of Mandate (02)  
Writ—Administrative Mandamus  
Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter  
Writ—Other Limited Court Case Review  
Other Judicial Review (39)  
Review of Health Officer Order  
Notice of Appeal—Labor Commissioner Appeals

### Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)  
Construction Defect (10)  
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)  
Securities Litigation (28)  
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)  
Insurance Coverage Claims  
*(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above)* (41)

### Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)  
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)  
Confession of Judgment *(non-domestic relations)*  
Sister State Judgment  
Administrative Agency Award *(not unpaid taxes)*  
Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes  
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

### Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)  
Other Complaint *(not specified above)* (42)  
Declaratory Relief Only  
Injunctive Relief Only *(non-harassment)*  
Mechanics Lien  
Other Commercial Complaint Case *(non-tort/non-complex)*  
Other Civil Complaint *(non-tort/non-complex)*

### Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)  
Other Petition *(not specified above)* (43)  
Civil Harassment  
Workplace Violence  
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse  
Election Contest  
Petition for Name Change  
Petition for Relief From Late Claim  
Other Civil Petition

**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND  
STATEMENT OF LOCATION  
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**Step 1:** After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.

**Step 2:** In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.

**Step 3:** In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

**Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)**

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| 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District. | 7. Location where petitioner resides.  |
| 2. Permissive filing in central district.  | 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.   |
| 3. Location where cause of action arose.   | 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.   |
| 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.                           | 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.   |
| 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.                     | 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury). |
| 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.                          |  |

	<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
<b>Auto Tort</b>	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
<b>Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort</b>	Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6070 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11 1, 11
	Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
	Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons	1, 4, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4, 11
	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) <input type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress <input type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11

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	<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
<b>Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort</b>	Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
	Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
	Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
	Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
	Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6017 Legal Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
	Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1, 2, 3
<b>Employment</b>	Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
	Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1, 2, 3 10
<b>Contract</b>	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) <input type="checkbox"/> A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) <input type="checkbox"/> A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) <input type="checkbox"/> A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2, 5 2, 5 1, 2, 5 1, 2, 5
	Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
	Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6009 Contractual Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> A6031 Tortious Interference <input type="checkbox"/> A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation      Number of parcels_____	2, 6
<b>Real Property</b>	Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
	Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> A6032 Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2, 6 2, 6 2, 6
	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
<b>Unlawful Detainer</b>	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11

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	<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
<b>Judicial Review</b>	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus	2, 8
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	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
<b>Enforcement of Judgment</b>	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8
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		<input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9
	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
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		<input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
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	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2, 8
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		<input type="checkbox"/> A6123 Workplace Harassment With Damages	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case With Damages	2, 3, 9
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		<input type="checkbox"/> A6110 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender	2, 7
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2, 3, 8
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UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION

ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC, a  
California limited liability company,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ZIBRA, LLC, a North Carolina limited  
liability company; and DOES 1 through 10,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 25STCV14562

COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES  
AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

(Health & Safety Code. § 25249.6 *et seq.*)

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## NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This Complaint is brought by plaintiff Ecological Alliance, LLC ("Plaintiff") in the public interest of the People of the State of California to enforce their right to be informed of the presence of chemicals listed by the State of California, pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65"), including Perfluorooctanoic Acid ("PFOA").

2. Plaintiffs seek to remedy Defendant's failure to warn citizens of the State of California, in violation of Proposition 65, about the presence of PFOA ("Listed Chemical") in the Defendant's cases of artist brush sets offered for sale throughout the State of California ("Products").

3. PFOA is part of a group of synthetic, man-made chemicals known to be harmful to humans and the environment. Because PFOA persists and accumulates over time, they are harmful even at very low levels. According to the EPA, PFOA exposure may lead to:

- Reproductive effects such as decreased fertility or increased high blood pressure in pregnant women;
- Development effects or delays in children, including low birth weight, accelerated puberty, bone variations, or behavioral changes;
- Increased risks of some cancers, including prostate, kidney, and testicular cancers;
- Reduced ability of the body's immune system to fight infections;
- Interference with the body's natural hormones;

4. The proliferation of PFOA and similar chemicals and their potential to cause environmental harm is also well documented and was addressed in "The Madrid Statement," issued by the Green Science Policy Institute. In this statement, more than 250 scientists from 38 countries, recommended the discontinuation of PFOA and similar chemicals.

5. Because PFOA accumulates in body tissue over time, there is no treatment to remove it from the body, the most obvious way to avoid exposure is for consumers to avoid products which they know contain it.

1           6.       On November 10, 2017 PFOA was added to the list of chemicals known to the  
2 State of California to cause reproductive toxicity.

3           7.       On February 5, 2022, PFOA was added to the list of chemicals known to the state  
4 of California to cause cancer.

5           8.       Defendants' Products contain PFOA and consumers of Products in the State of  
6 California are exposed to the PFOA through usage of the Products.

7           9.       Defendants know and intend that their Products expose consumers in the State of  
8 California to PFOA.

9           10.      On February 18, 2025, Plaintiff sent a 60 Day Notice of Violation to Defendant  
10 Zibra, LLC, California's Attorney General, and to every District Attorney in the state, to the City  
11 Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, and to all Defendants.  
12 Attached to the 60-Day Notices were Certificates of Merit attesting to the reasonable and  
13 meritorious basis for this action, Certificates of Service attesting to service of the letters on each  
14 entity described above, and a description of Proposition 65 prepared by the California Office of  
15 Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. Furthermore, factual information sufficient to  
16 establish the basis of the Certificates of Merit was enclosed with the 60-Day Notice sent to  
17 California's Attorney General.

18           11.      After receiving the claims asserted in the 60-Day Notices, the public enforcement  
19 agencies identified in Paragraph 5 have failed to commence and diligently prosecute a cause of  
20 action against Defendants under Proposition 65.

21           12.      Plaintiff seeks preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to compel Defendants  
22 to provide the warning required under Proposition 65 regarding the Products.

23           13.      Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), Plaintiff also seeks civil  
24 penalties against Defendants for violations of Proposition 65.

25                                   **PARTIES**

26           14.      Plaintiff is a California limited liability company. It brings this action in the  
27 public interest pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(d).  
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15. Defendants are both a “Person” in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 25249.11(a) – “Person” means an individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, corporation, company, partnership, limited liability company, and association.”

16. Defendant Zibra, LLC is a limited liability company that manufactures, distributes, and/or offers for sale in the State of California, Products that contain the Listed Chemical.

17. Defendants DOES 1-10, which manufacture, distribute, and/or offers for sale in the State of California Products that contain the Listed Chemical, are each persons in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 25249.11. At this time, the true names and capacities of defendants DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff, who, therefore, sues said defendants by their fictitious names pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 474. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible for the acts and occurrences alleged herein. When ascertained, their true names and capacities shall be reflected in an amended complaint.

## **VENUE AND JURISDICTION**

18. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7. Pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, section 10, the California Superior Court has “original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts.” The statute under which this action is brought does not specify any other trial courts that should have jurisdiction.

19. The Court has jurisdiction over Defendants based on Plaintiff's information and good faith belief that each Defendant is a person, firm, corporation, or association that is a citizen of the State of California, has sufficient minimum contacts in the State of California, and/or otherwise purposefully avails itself of the California market. Defendants' purposeful

1       availment renders the exercise of personal jurisdiction by the Court consistent with traditional  
2       notions of fair play and substantial justice.

3               20.   Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants manufacture, distribute, offer  
4       for sale, sell, and/or serve Products that contain the Listed Chemical. Liability for Plaintiff's  
5       causes of action, or some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen during the times relevant to this  
6       Complaint and Plaintiff accordingly seeks civil penalties and forfeitures imposed by statutes.

7                               **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

8                               **(Violation of Proposition 65 - Against All Defendants)**

9               21.   Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein,  
10       Paragraphs 1 through 15, inclusive.

11              22.   Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), as a consequence of the  
12       above-described acts, Defendants are liable for a violation of Proposition 65.

13                               **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

14              Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

15              1.    That the Court, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(a),  
16       preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from manufacturing, distributing, offering for  
17       sale, selling, and/or serving in the State of California Products that contain the Listed Chemical  
18       without first providing a "clear and reasonable warning" under Proposition 65;

19              2.    That the Court grant Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit;


20              3.    That the Court, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), assess  
21       civil penalties against Defendants in such amount as the Court deems appropriate; and

22              4.    That the Court grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.  
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