

PETITION: SMALL CLAIMS CASE

CASE NO. (court use only) _____

In the Justice Court, Precinct 4, Guadalupe County, Texas

PLAINTIFF _____

VS.

DEFENDANT(S): _____

Defendant(s) address: _____

COMPLAINT: The basis for the claim which entitles the plaintiff to seek relief against the defendant is:

RELIEF: Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of \$_____, and/or return of personal property as described as follows (be specific): _____, which has a value of \$_____.

Additionally, plaintiff seeks the following: _____
_____.

SERVICE OF CITATION: Service is requested on defendants by personal service at home or work or by alternative service as allowed by the Texas Justice Court Rules of Court. Other addresses where the defendant(s) may be served are:

_____.

☐ If you wish to give your consent for the answer and any other motions or pleadings to be sent to your email address, please check this box, and provide your valid email address: _____.

Petitioner's Printed Name

Signature of Plaintiff or Attorney

DEFENDANT(S) INFORMATION (if known):

Address of Plaintiff's Attorney, if any, or Plaintiff if none

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

***LAST 3 NUMBERS OF DRIVER LICENSE:** _____

City

State

Zip

***LAST 3 NUMBERS OF SOCIAL SECURITY:** _____

DEFENDANT'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

Phone & Fax No. of Plaintiff's Attorney, if any, or Plaintiff if none

Certificate of Last Known Address

The undersigned certifies that the last known mailing address of the Defendant against whom judgment is taken in this proceeding:

Defendant's Name: _____

Defendant's Address: _____

Plaintiff

Attorney of Record for Plaintiff

Address

This document is required to be filed when a judgment is taken by default so that the Court may notify the defendant of the entry of the default judgment.

The Service Members Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App 507 *Et Seq*, Passed December 19, 2003, requires the plaintiff in any civil proceeding in which the defendant does not make an appearance to file with the court an affidavit (A) stating whether or not the defendant is in the military service and showing necessary facts to support the affidavit; or (B) if the plaintiff is unable to determine whether or not the defendant is in the military service, stating that the plaintiff is unable to determine whether or not the defendant is in the military service.

PENALTY FOR MAKING OR USING A FALSE AFFIDAVIT: A person who makes or uses a military status affidavit, or statement, declaration, verification, or certificate, knowing it to be false, shall be fined as provided in title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Costs for an attorney ad litem may be assessed against the plaintiff as costs of court unless otherwise ordered by the court.

JUSTICE COURT CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET (4/13)

CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): _____

STYLED _____

(e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition is filed to initiate a new suit. The information should be the best available at the time of filing. This sheet, required by Rule of Civil Procedure 502, is intended to collect information that will be used for statistical purposes only. It neither replaces nor supplements the filings or service of pleading or other documents as required by law or rule. The sheet does not constitute a discovery request, response, or supplementation, and it is not admissible at trial.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet:

Name:	Telephone:
_____	_____
Address:	Fax:
_____	_____
City/State/Zip:	State Bar No:
_____	_____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

2. Names of parties in case:

Plaintiff(s): _____

Defendant(s): _____

[Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties]

3. Indicate case type, or identify the most important issue in the case (*select only 1*):

☐ **Debt Claim:** A debt claim case is a lawsuit brought to recover a debt by an assignee of a claim, a debt collector or collection agency, a financial institution, or a person or entity primarily engaged in the business of lending money at interest. The claim can be for no more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.

☐ **Repair and Remedy:** A repair and remedy case is a lawsuit filed by a residential tenant under Chapter 92, Subchapter B of the Texas Property Code to enforce the landlord's duty to repair or remedy a condition materially affecting the physical health or safety of an ordinary tenant. The relief sought can be for no more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.

☐ **Eviction:** An eviction case is a lawsuit brought to recover possession of real property, often by a landlord against a tenant. A claim for rent may be joined with an eviction case if the amount of rent due and unpaid is not more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.

☐ **Small Claims:** A small claims case is a lawsuit brought for the recovery of money damages, civil penalties, personal property, or other relief allowed by law. The claim can be for no more than \$10,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any.

Instructions: The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act applies to a civil proceeding in the Justice Courts. Before entering a default judgment against an individual defendant, the plaintiff must file with the court an affidavit stating whether or not the defendant is in the military service, showing necessary facts to support the affidavit, or stating that the plaintiff is unable to determine whether or not the defendant is in military service, if that is the case. The requirement for an affidavit may be satisfied by a written, signed document declared to be true under penalty of perjury. If it appears that the defendant is in military service, the court may not enter a judgment until after the court appoints an attorney to represent the defendant. If the court is unable to determine if the defendant is in military service, the court may require plaintiff to file a bond in an amount approved by the court.

A person who makes or uses an affidavit under this Act knowing it to be false, may be fined or imprisoned or both. 50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq. To obtain certificates of service or non-service under the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, you may access the public website: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/scra/scraHome.do>. This website will provide the current active military status of an individual.

Military Status Affidavit

Case No. _____ § In the Justice Court of

§ "Guadalupe County, Texas
Plaintiff §
vs. §

§ Precinct _____, Place _____
Defendant §

BEFORE ME, on this day personally appeared" _____,
who, under penalty of perjury, stated that the following facts are true:

I am the ☐ Plaintiff ☐ attorney of record for the Plaintiff in this proceeding.

☐ _____, Defendant, **is not** in military service.

☐ _____, Defendant, **is** in military service.

I know this because _____

_____.

☐ I am unable to determine whether or not the Defendant is in military service.

Signed on _____

Signature
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS "§

COUNTY OF GUADALUPE §

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on _____.

Clerk of the Court

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Texas