

Civil Complaint Filing Fees - 2014

Revised January 1, 2014

- Notes: 1. Fees that have changed are in ***Bold Italics*** .
 2. All data is from the Statewide Civil Fee Schedule
 Effective June 27, 2012 published by the Judicial Council.

Document	San Francisco	Riverside	San Bernardino	All Other Counties
Civil - Over \$25,000	\$450	\$450	\$435	\$435
Civil - over \$10,000 up to and including \$25,000	\$370	\$395	\$380	\$370
Civil - \$10,000 or less	\$225	\$255	\$240	\$225
Civil - With Declaration per B&P 6322.1(c) *	\$181	\$211	\$196	\$181
Confession of Judgment	\$30 in all counties			
Renewal of Judgment	\$30 in all counties			
Reclassification of Limited case to Unlimited	\$145 in all counties			

- Petitions to Confirm Arbitration Awards are the same fees as Civil Complaints.
 → All "Limited" Unlawful Detainer actions are the above fees plus an additional \$15.

* Business and Professions Code Section 6322.1 (c) (1)" In an action or proceeding in which a claim for money damages falls within the monetary jurisdiction of the small claims court and is filed by an assignee who is prohibited from filing or maintaining a claim pursuant to Section 116.420 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the uniform filing fee shall be reduced by forty-four dollars (\$44) to one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$181) if the complaint contains a declaration under penalty of perjury, executed by the party requesting the reduction in fees, that the case qualifies for the lower fee because the claim for money damages will not exceed the monetary jurisdiction of small claims court and is filed by an assignee of the claim."

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Filing New Cases in California

➔ (Revised January 30, 2013 – See Stanislaus Limited)

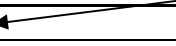
All California civil cases are filed in the Superior Court.

Note: All links in this memo can be copied and pasted into your web browser.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO FILE NEW CIVIL CASES IN CALIFORNIA

In all 58 counties a Summons, a Complaint and a Civil Case Cover Sheet are required.

In addition to the above forms, the counties below require the forms indicated in this chart.

County	Additional Forms Required		
	Name	Limited	Unlimited
Alameda	Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum	No	Yes
	http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Resources/Documents/form_202_19.pdf		
Amador	Case Intake Sheet	Yes	Yes
	http://www.amadorcourt.org/localForms/civil/CaseIntakeForm.pdf		
Kern	Statement of Classification and Location	Yes	No
	<i>See Note 1 below</i>		
Los Angeles	Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum	Yes	Yes
	http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org/forms/pdf/LACIV109.pdf		
Riverside	Certificate of Counsel	Yes	Yes
	http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/localfrms/ri-030.pdf		
San Bernardino	Certificate of Assignment	Yes	Yes
	http://www.sb-court.org/Portals/0/Documents/PDF/Forms/SB-16503.pdf		
San Luis Obispo	Statement of Venue	Yes	No
	http://slocourts.net/downloads/forms/civil/CV011e.pdf		
Stanislaus	Case Management Conference Waiver  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Revised 1-2013</div>	Yes	No
	http://www.stanct.org/Store/Forms/CV001_CMC_Waiver_012013.pdf		
	Notice of Case Management Conference	No	Yes
	http://www.stanct.org/Store/Forms/CV003_Notice_of_CMC_11-2010.pdf		
Tuolumne	Delay Reduction Program Information and Setting	Yes	Yes
	http://www.tuolumne.courts.ca.gov/Local%20Forms%20launched%203%202010/TUO-CV-100%20Delay%20Reduction%20Program%20Information%20and%20Setting%20%20%202010.pdf		

¹ Kern County requires this form in all Limited branch cases except for Limited cases filed in the Bakersfield branch. Kern does NOT have this form available on their web site, you must create your own form. Note: Recently some branches in Kern County are requiring the actual address of the defendant be shown.

In case any of the above links change, here is a link to a page that has links to all 58 counties in California where these forms can be found:

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm>

Here are links to fillable versions of the Summons, Complaint, and Civil Case Cover Sheet.

Summons: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/sum100.pdf>

Civil Case Cover Sheet: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/fillable/cm010.pdf>

Complaint: <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/fillable/pldc001.pdf>

Many of the high volume filers of consumer collection case do not use the optional Complaint form above. Instead, they type a pleading for their Complaints

Rule 3.740

All cases filed in California have an Order to Show Cause set 60 days after the case is filed. At the OSC, if the case has not been served the case can be dismissed or sanctions can be ordered against the attorney.

California Rules of Court §3.740 makes an exception for collection cases if the rule applies (see Paragraph 2 of the Instructions to the Civil Case Cover Sheet) and if the box is checked in section 1 of the Civil Case Cover Sheet that is under "Contract" that says "Rule 3.740 collections (09)." If this box is checked, the OSC is set 180 days after the case is filed instead of 60 days.

Here is a link to Rule 3.740:

http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=three&linkid=rule3_740

2014 SCHEDULE OF PRIMARY FILING FEES

DESCRIPTION		Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernardino	San Francisco	All Other Counties
Complaints	Civil - Over \$25,000	\$435	\$435	\$450	\$435	\$450	\$435
	Civil - over \$10,000 up to and including \$25,000	\$370	\$370	\$395	\$380	\$370	\$370
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	Civil - With Declaration per B&P 6322.1	\$181	\$181	\$211	\$196	\$181	\$181
	UD - Over \$25,000	\$435	\$435	\$450	\$435	\$450	\$435
	UD - over \$10,000 up to and including \$25,000	\$385	\$385	\$410	\$395	\$385	\$385
Family Law	UD - \$10,000 or less	\$240	\$240	\$270	\$255	\$240	\$240
	Dissolution, Summary Dissolution, Legal Separation or Nullity	\$435	\$435	\$450	\$435	\$450	\$435
	Response	\$435	\$435	\$450	\$435	\$450	\$435
	Order to Show Cause	\$ 60 in all counties					
	OSC re: Modification of Custody or Visitation	\$ 85 in all counties					
	1. Motion for Summary Judgment <i>AND</i> 2. Application Pro Hac Vice	\$ 500 in all counties					
Motions	All other Motions ► <i>Note: Many courts also require a \$30.00 fee for the court reporter.</i>	\$ 60 in all counties					
	Motion or Stipulation to continue or postpone trial	\$ 60 in all counties					
	Request, application, motion for, notice of, continuance of Hearing or Case Management Conference	\$ 20 in all counties					
	Order for Appearance of Judgment Debtor	\$ 60 in all counties					
	Request for Trial De Novo	\$ 0 in all counties					
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Answers	Answer/Appeal Fee (for <i>each party</i>) - Unlimited	\$435	\$435	\$450	\$435	\$450	\$435
	Answer/Appeal Fee (for <i>each party</i>) - Limited over \$10,000	\$370	\$370	\$395	\$380	\$370	\$370
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	Answer/Appeal Fee (for <i>each party</i>) - if complaint had Dec. per B&P 6322.1	\$181	\$181	\$211	\$196	\$181	\$181
Copies	Copies - per page	50¢ per page in all counties					
	Certification Seal - plus copy charges	\$25 in all counties					
	Exemplification - plus copy charges	\$50 in all counties					
Other Fees	Probate - New case	\$435	\$435	\$450	\$435	\$450	\$435
	Court Reporter - for each one-half day (set by each county)	\$382	\$250	\$259	\$316	\$366	Varies
	Court Reporter - for each matter under one hour	\$30 in all counties that provide reporters for hearings.					
	Jury Fee - In advance, non refundable	\$150 in all counties					
	Stipulation and Order (<i>There is no fee for a Stipulation WITHOUT an Order.</i>)	\$ 20 in all counties					
	Amendments to or Amended Complaints or Cross-Complaints	\$ 0 in all counties					
	Appeal of unlimited case. Check payable to the Court of Appeal	\$775 in all counties					
	<i>Separate check payable to the Superior court</i>	\$100 in all counties					
	Designation of a case as Complex Litigation - one fee for all plaintiffs, and for each defendant, <i>Maximum of \$18,000</i>	\$1,000 in all counties					
	Issue Writ (All types)	\$ 25 in all counties					
	Issue Abstract of Judgment	\$ 25 in all counties					
	Small Claims case for \$1,500 or less	\$ 30 in all counties					
Small Claims	Small Claims case for \$1,500 to \$5,000	\$ 50 in all counties					
	Small Claims case for \$5,000 to \$10,000 (Claims by natural persons only!)	\$ 75 in all counties					
	Small Claims case, 12 or more filed in previous 12 months by same party	\$100 in all counties					
	For document recording fees we recommend you call the county recorder to obtain an accurate price for your specific document.	(562) 462-2125	(714) 834-2887	(951) 486-7000	(909) 387-8306	(415) 554-4176	

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Complaint	\$400
Answer	No Fee
Appeal	\$455
Misc. Case #	\$46
Writ of Ex.	No Fee
Abstracts	\$9.50

BANKRUPTCY COURT

Adversary Complaint	\$350
Chapter 7	\$335
Chapter 9	\$1,717
Chapter 11	\$1,717
Chapter 13	\$310
Motions	\$176

SECRETARY OF STATE

Articles of Incorporation	\$100
Non Profit Corporation	\$30
If filing in the Los Angeles office a separate check for \$15 is also required.	

WITNESS FEES

State Courts	\$35 + 20¢ per mile round trip
Federal Courts	\$40 + 56¢ per mile round trip
Peace Officers	Both State & Federal \$275

Note: Make check payable to the agency they work for.

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► A complete 16 page fee schedule can be found at:
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/StatewideCivilFeeSchedule-20140101.pdf>