

Civil Case Types



Case Type	Usage
Appeal from Administrative Agency	Used when a notice of appeal is filed seeking the court's order to override the decision of an authority (agency).
Appointment of Trustee	Use when a Petition for Appointment of Trustee is filed. A Wrongful Death complaint may be filed later and a new Wrongful Death case is opened.
Assessment Appeal	Use when a real estate assessment is being appealed.
Change of Name	Use when a person applies for a name change.
Civil Other/Miscellaneous	All other civil cases not covered by a more specific case type, including but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corporate Dissolution ▪ Declaratory Judgment ▪ Foreign Country Money Judgments ▪ Mortgage Foreclosure ▪ Real Estate Tax Petitions ▪ Writs of Attachment, Certiorari, Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, and Prohibition.
Conciliation	Use when a summons for Conciliation Court (also known as Small Claims Court) is filed.
Conciliation – Housing	Claim that involves rent deposits, rent due, or other claims, within the dollar limits of Conciliation Court, heard in Housing Court.
Conciliation – Forfeiture	Case in which a person requests return of property that was seized because of a warrant, drug bust, etc. The claim must be within the monetary limit for conciliation court proceedings.
Conciliation Appeal	Used when a Conciliation Court decision is appealed to District Court.
Condemnation	A petition to acquire land through the right of eminent domain – to take private property for public use by the state, municipalities, and private persons or corporations authorized to exercise functions of public character.
Condemnation Appeal	An appeal of a Condemnation decision.
Confession of Judgment	Used when the debtor permits a money judgment to be entered against him/her by a creditor, for a stipulated sum, through a written statement to that affect.
Consumer Credit Contract	Used when the plaintiff is a corporation or organization (not an

	individual), the defendant is an individual, the contract amount does not exceed \$20,000 and the defendant is not yet in default.
Contract	Use when the basis of the lawsuit is a breach of contract agreement.
Default Judgment	A plaintiff served a summons and complaint more than 20 days in the past and the defendant has not filed an answer. The affidavit of no answer, etc. facilitate entry of an administrative judgment.
Discrimination	Cases in which the reason for the lawsuit is action(s) based on prejudice. If the discrimination arises in an employment situation, the "Employment" case type should be used. (Also see Employment case type.)
Eminent Domain	Petitions to take private property for public use by the state, municipalities, and private persons or corporations authorized to exercise functions of public character.
Employment	<p>Any cases arising from disputes relating to employment, including the following disputes. Violations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Title VII of Civil Rights Act ▪ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ▪ Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) ▪ 42 USC Sec 1981 (racial discrimination) ▪ 42 USC Sec 1983 (equal protection) ▪ Minnesota Human Rights Act (§363) ▪ Minnesota Whistle Blower Act (§181.932) ▪ Actions for the recovery of wages ▪ Tort and contract cases involving actions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment contracts ▪ Wrongful discharge ▪ Defamation ▪ Intentional infliction of emotional distress ▪ Negligent infliction of emotional distress ▪ Negligent hiring, supervision, or retention ▪ Tortious interference with employment ▪ Labor disputes/TRO's for strikes, etc. <p>Note: Sexual harassment or discrimination cases that are related to employment situations should be classified as employment, not as sexual harassment or discrimination.</p>
Eviction (UD)	Action to evict a tenant from rental property.
Foreign Judgment	Use when a money judgment originally entered in another state is submitted for entry in Minnesota.
Forfeiture	Use when a person requests the return of property that was seized because of a warrant, drug bust, etc. (See also Conciliation – Forfeiture case type)
Habeas Corpus	Use when a writ is issued to bring a party before a court or judge.

	The primary function is the release of a party from unlawful restraint.
Harassment	Use when a petitioner seeks a temporary restraining order and a restraining order, based upon a claim of harassment.
Implied Consent	Petition for judicial review of a driver's license revocation as the result of a Driving While Impaired citation or complaint.
Malpractice	Lawsuit alleging medical or attorney malpractice.
Mechanics Lien	Used when a complaint is filed for the purpose of securing priority of payment of the price or value of work performed and materials furnished in erecting or repairing a building or other structure, that attaches to or is built upon the land.
Minor Settlement	Used when there is an agreement by which parties, having disputed matters between them, ascertain what money amount is to be paid to a minor.
Personal Injury	Lawsuit arising out of a personal injury - one party claiming injury caused by some action of the other.
Product Liability	Lawsuit alleging a maker of manufactured goods is responsible for injury to a person as a result of a defective product.
Property Damage	Lawsuit alleging misconduct which results in damage to property.
Quiet Title	A proceeding to establish the plaintiff's title to land by bringing into court an adverse claimant and compelling him to set forth the nature of his claim so that it may be determined by decree.
Receivership	A case in which a receiver is appointed for an insolvent corporation, partnership, or individual for protection of its assets and for ultimate sale and distribution to creditors.
Rent Escrow	Used when a tenant deposits rent with the court and seeks relief because the owner of the premises has not complied with building codes or covenants or agreements regarding the rental property.
Replevin	An action to recover goods unlawfully taken and requesting to have the goods returned. It applies to the situations where the ownership of property is not clear enough for criminal charges to be brought. There may also be urgency to the recovery of the property.
Restitution Judgment	Used when docketing a money judgment pursuant to a restitution order from a criminal or juvenile case.
Sexual Harassment	Lawsuit alleging misconduct that includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct, or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature. If the sexual harassment arises in an employment situation, the "Employment" case type should be used.
Tax Court	Tax Court cases are filed in district court and determined by the Minnesota Tax Court.
Torrens	Cases in which a landowner applies to the court for a certificate of title.
Transcript Judgment	Used when a judgment is transcribed from Conciliation Court to District Court for satisfaction of indebtedness.
Transcript Judgment From Other Minnesota County	Used when a judgment is transcribed from one county to another for satisfaction of indebtedness.
Trust	A trust is defined as a right of property, real or personal, held by one party for the benefit of another. A trust is typically opened when a petition for the appointment of a trustee is filed.

Welfare Appeal

All cases appealed from a Welfare Agency decision.

Workman's Compensation

Use when a claim is made under the workman's compensation acts.

Wrongful Death

Action brought by a trustee alleging injury, which resulted in death, caused by the wrongful act or omission of any person or corporation. (Also see Appointment of Trustee case type.)