

Specifics for Los Angeles County

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LACIV 109

This form is only required in Los Angeles County

The [LACIV 109](#) form is required for all new civil cases in L.A. County. It's used to determine the correct courthouse location to file the case in. For a name/gender change, you must file in the judicial district where you live. Refer to the [District Map](#) to figure out which district you belong to. If you already know which courthouse you're going to file in, you can find the district it belongs to on its website or on the [LASC website](#).

Once you know which district you're filing in, fill out the form as follows:

- Fill in your short title as detailed [here](#)
- Under **Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location**, circle the number seven (7)
- On page 4, check the box that says 4305 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender
- On page 5, under **Reason**, check box 7
- Fill in your address information
- In step 5, enter the district where you're going to file
- Sign and date the form

Example

Here's what your form should look like once it's finished (Everything I added is in red for emphasis. Use black when you're filling your form out):

SHORT TITLE Petition of John James Doe for Change of Name and Gender	CASE NUMBER
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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 Courthouse Location (Column C)	
1. Class Actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.	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).
6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.	

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (see Step 3 above)
Auto Tort	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2201 Motor Vehicle – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4601 Uninsured Motorist – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death	Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2301 Premise Liability (e.g., dangerous conditions of property, slip/trip and fall, dog attack, etc.)	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2302 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, battery, vandalism, etc.)	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2303 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2304 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2305 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse/Claims Against Skilled Nursing Facility	1, 4
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2306 Intentional Conduct – Sexual Abuse Case (in any form)	1, 4

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (see Step 3 above)
Provisionally Complex Litigation (Continued)	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1001 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4001 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2801 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3001 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4101 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2001 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2002 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2004 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2005 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment Unpaid Tax	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2006 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2701 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
	Other Complaints (not specified above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4201 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4202 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4203 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/noncomplex)	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4204 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2101 Partnership and Corporation Governance Case	2, 8
	Other Petitions (not specified above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4301 Civil Harassment with Damages	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4302 Workplace Harassment with Damages	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4303 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case with Damages	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4304 Election Contest	2
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4305 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender	2, 7
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4306 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2, 3, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4307 Other Civil Petition	2, 9

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Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address, which is the basis for the filing location including zip code. (No address required for class action cases.)

REASON: <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. <input type="checkbox"/> 11			ADDRESS: 1000 Example St.
CITY: Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90000	

Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code of Civ. Proc., 392 et seq., and LASC Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)]

Dated: _____

(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form LASC CIV 109 (01/23).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is a court order for waiver, partial or schedule payments.
6. A signed order appointing a Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court to issue a Summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the Summons and Complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

LACIV 226

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The [LACIV 226](#) form is required for all name changes in L.A. county. It's used to perform a background check. This form is confidential, so it will not be part of the public record.

- Under **Sex**, put your AGAB.
- Under **Race/Ethnicity**, put your race (e.g. White, Black, Native American, etc.).
- Under **Social Security**, put your social security number.
- Under **Driver's License or ID**, put your Driver's License number or another form of government ID.
- Under **Place of Birth**, put the name and address of the hospital where you were born. This can be found on your birth certificate if you don't know it.
- If you've had your name legally changed before, put all of your previous names under **Other name(s) used**.
- On the line labeled **Date**, write the current date, and then sign on the **Signature** line.
- Leave everything else blank.

Example

Here's what your form should look like once it's finished (Everything I added is in red for emphasis. Use black when you're filling your form out):

C O N F I D E N T I A L

<small>NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY:</small> John James Doe 1000 Example St. Los Angeles, CA 90000 (123) 456-7890 user@example.com	<small>STATE BAR NUMBER</small>	<small>For Court Use Only</small>
<small>ATTORNEY FOR (Name):</small> Self-represented		
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
<small>COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:</small> 4400 W. Example Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90000		
<small>NAME OF PETITIONER:</small> John James Doe		
NAME CHANGE CRIMINAL HISTORY ASSESSMENT		<small>CASE NUMBER:</small>
		<small>COURT DATE:</small>

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER:

<small>Sex</small> Male	<small>Race/Ethnicity</small> White	<small>Date of Birth</small> January 1, 1970	<small>Age</small> 18	<small>Social Security</small> 000-00-0000	<small>Driver's License or ID / State</small> A0000000
<small>Place of Birth</small> My Birth Hospital 1500 Hospital St., Los Angeles, CA 90000	<small>Current Address</small> 1000 Example St. Los Angeles, CA 90000			<small>Other name(s) used</small>	

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this form is true and correct.

_____ Date _____ Signature _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CLERK:

<input type="checkbox"/> Based on the information provided, the identity of the Petitioner cannot be verified.
<input type="checkbox"/> Based on a JDIC/CLETS automated search by name and the date of birth provided, no arrest, conviction, or warrant has been found.
<input type="checkbox"/> There is no hit on the sex/arson registration as indicated in the attachment; <u>Petitioner is not required</u> to register as a sex offender.
OR
<input type="checkbox"/> There is a hit on the sex/arson registration as indicated in the attachment; <u>Petitioner is required</u> to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290.
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments: _____

Date: _____ By: _____
Deputy Clerk