

JS 44 (Rev. 11/04)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS: DAVID THOMAS; DEFENDANTS: OCEANEERING INTERNATIONAL, INC. (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff: ST. MARY PARISH, LA; County of Residence of First Listed Defendant: HARRIS COUNTY, TX. (c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number): Bobby J. Delise, Delise & Hall, 7924 Maple St., New Orleans, LA 70118, 504.836.8000.

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only): U.S. Government Plaintiff, Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), Diversity. III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff And One Box for Defendant): Citizen of This State, PTF 1, DEF 1, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, PTF 4, DEF 4.

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only): CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, BANKRUPTCY, OTHER STATUTES. Includes categories like Insurance, Personal Injury, Real Property, Labor, Social Security, etc.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only): X 1 Original Proceeding; 2 Removed from State Court; 3 Remanded from Appellate Court; 4 Reinstated or Reopened; 5 Transferred from another district (specify); 6 Multidistrict Litigation; 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment.

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 46 U.S.C. § 30104, et. seq.; Brief description of cause: JONES ACT.

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23; DEMAND \$; CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: x Yes, No.

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See instructions): JUDGE; DOCKET NUMBER.

DATE: 01/20/2012; SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: s/Bobby J. Delise.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: RECEIPT #, AMOUNT, APPLYING IFP, JUDGE, MAG. JUDGE.