Steele et al v. Bongiovi et al Doc. 1 Att. 1 SJS 44 (Rev. 12/07) **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.) **DEFENDANTS** I. (a) PLAINTIFFS Steele, Samuel B.; Steele Recordz; Bart Steele Publishing Bongiovi, John; Brown, Scott D.; Clark, Christopher G.; Major League Baseball Properties, Inc.; Matule, Matthew J.; Plevan (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Suffolk, MA Monmouth, NJ County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED. (c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Attorneys (If Known) Christopher Hunt, The Hunt Law Firm LLC, 10 Heron Lane, Hopedale, MA 01747, (508) 966-7300 **II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only) III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant) (For Diversity Cases Only) **X** 3 Federal Ouestion U.S. Government PTF DEF PTF DEF □ 4 Plaintiff (U.S. Government Not a Party) Citizen of This State **D** 1 **D** 1 Incorporated or Principal Place \Box 4 of Business In This State □ 2 U.S. Government □ 4 Diversity Citizen of Another State **2** Incorporated *and* Principal Place **D** 5 **D** 2 5
 of Business In Another State Defendant (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) Citizen or Subject of a **3** 3 Foreign Nation Foreign Country NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only) FORFEITURE/PENALTY BANKRUPTCY CONTRACT TORTS OTHER STATUTES □ 110 Insurance PERSONAL INJURY PERSONAL INJURY □ 610 Agriculture 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 400 State Reapportionment □ 120 Marine 310 Airplane □ 620 Other Food & Drug 423 Withdrawal 410 Antitrust 362 Personal Injury -□ 130 Miller Act 315 Airplane Product Med. Malpractice 625 Drug Related Seizure 28 USC 157 430 Banks and Banking □ 140 Negotiable Instrument Liability 365 Personal Injury of Property 21 USC 881 450 Commerce □ 150 Recovery of Overpayment 320 Assault, Libel & Product Liability □ 630 Liquor Laws PROPERTY RIGHTS 460 Deportation & Enforcement of Judgment Slander □ 368 Ashestos Personal **1** 640 R R & Truck ■ 820 Copyrights 470 Racketeer Influenced and □ 650 Airline Regs. □ 151 Medicare Act 330 Federal Employers' Injury Product 830 Patent Corrupt Organizations 152 Recovery of Defaulted Liability Liability □ 660 Occupational 840 Trademark 480 Consumer Credit Student Loans 340 Marine PERSONAL PROPERTY Safety/Health □ 490 Cable/Sat TV (Excl. Veterans) 345 Marine Product 370 Other Fraud □ 690 Other п 810 Selective Service 153 Recovery of Overpayment Liability 371 Truth in Lending LABOR SOCIAL SECURITY 850 Securities/Commodities/ □ 710 Fair Labor Standards Exchange of Veteran's Benefits 350 Motor Vehicle 380 Other Personal **7** 861 HIA (1395ff) 875 Customer Challenge □ 160 Stockholders' Suits 355 Motor Vehicle Property Damage Act 862 Black Lung (923) 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations □ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 190 Other Contract Product Liability 385 Property Damage 12 USC 3410 195 Contract Product Liability 360 Other Personal Product Liability □ 730 Labor/Mgmt.Reporting 864 SSID Title XVI 890 Other Statutory Actions & Disclosure Act □ 865 RSI (405(g)) 891 Agricultural Acts 196 Franchise Injury REAL PROPERTY **CIVIL RIGHTS** PRISONER PETITIONS FEDERAL TAX SUITS 740 Railway Labor Act 892 Economic Stabilization Act □ 790 Other Labor Litigation 893 Environmental Matters 210 Land Condemnation 441 Voting 510 Motions to Vacate 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff □ 220 Foreclosure 442 Employment Sentence □ 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. or Defendant) 894 Energy Allocation Act 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment Habeas Corpus: Security Act 871 IRS—Third Party 895 Freedom of Information 443 Housing/ 26 USC 7609 □ 240 Torts to Land Accommodations 530 General Act 245 Tort Product Liability 444 Welfare 535 Death Penalty IMMIGRATION 900Appeal of Fee Determination 445 Amer. w/Disabilities -540 Mandamus & Other □ 290 All Other Real Property 462 Naturalization Application Under Equal Access 550 Civil Rights 463 Habeas Corpus to Justice Employment ٦ 950 Constitutionality of Π 446 Amer. w/Disabilities -555 Prison Condition Alien Detainee Other 465 Other Immigration State Statutes 440 Other Civil Rights ٦ Actions V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only) Appeal to District Transferred from Judge from Original \Box 2 Removed from **D** 3 Remanded from \Box 4 Reinstated or \Box 5 **G** Multidistrict 7 another district Magistrate Proceeding State Court Appellate Court Reopened Litigation (specify) Judgment Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 17 U.S.C. SEC. 1202, 1203 VI. CAUSE OF ACTION Brief description of cause: Removal or alteration of copyright management information in violation of 17 U.S.C. sec. 1202(b)(1) VII. REQUESTED IN **DEMAND \$** CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 3.300.000.00 Yes **COMPLAINT:** JURY DEMAND: □ No VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instructions): IF ANY JUDGE Gorton DOCKET NUMBER 08-11727 DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

 VI.
 Cause of Action.
 Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.
 Do not cite jurisdictional statutes

 unless diversity.
 Example:
 U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
 Do not cite jurisdictional statutes

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.