

JS 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.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Amir Sitafalwalla

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Nassau (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

PLATT, J. BOYLE, M.J.

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Albert Zafonte, Jr., Esq., 215 Uniondale Ave, Uniondale NY 11553 (516-505-7001)

DEFENDANT

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant out of state (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

Attorneys (If Known)

Robert G. Scumaci, Esq., Gibson, McAvoy & Crosby, 69 Delaware Ave., Buffalo NY 14202 (716-856-4200)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
2 U.S. Government Defendant
3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State
Citizen of Another State
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country
Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State
Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State
Foreign Nation

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Table with columns: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, CIVIL RIGHTS, TORTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 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 (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.) 28 USC Sections 1332 & 1441(a) - defendant is not a citizen/resident of New York State where action. Brief description of cause: This case is a motor vehicle/product liability case

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: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE 07/22/2008 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD [Signature]

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

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ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

I, _____, counsel for _____ do hereby certify pursuant to the Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 that to the best of my knowledge and belief the damages recoverable in the above captioned civil action exceed the sum of \$150,000 exclusive of interest and costs. _____ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stocks:

Please refer to NY-E Division of Business Rule 50.1(d)(2)

1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District of New York removed from a New York State court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: Yes

2.) If you answered "no" above:

a.) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? _____

b.) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? _____

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? _____

(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

Yes ✓

No _____

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action(s) in this or any other state or federal court?

Yes _____ (If yes, please explain)

No ✓

Please provide your E-MAIL Address and bar code below. Your bar code consists of the initials of your first and last name and the last four digits of your social security number or any other four digit number registered by the attorney with the Clerk of Court.

(This information must be provided pursuant to local rule 11.1(b) of the civil rules).

ATTORNEY BAR CODE: RS5343

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I consent to the use of electronic filing procedures adopted by the Court in Administrative Order No. 97-12, "In re Electronic Filing Procedures(EFP)", and consent to the electronic service of all papers.

Signature: 