

CIVIL CASE DESIGNATION CATEGORIES

PROFESSIONAL TORT – This category is used for cases that involve allegations of malpractice by a person acting in a professional capacity, such as a doctor, lawyer, or engineer.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY – Used for cases that involve alleged responsibility of the manufacturer or seller of an article for injury caused to person or property by a defect in or condition of the article sold, or an alleged breach of duty to provide suitable instructions to prevent injury.

OTHER TORT – Residual category to be used for those tort cases that cannot be classified as Professional Tort or Products Liability. Examples would include automobile tort cases, as well as tort cases involving air and water transportation.

A tort is an injury or wrong committed either against a person or against a person's property by a party who either did something that he or she was obligated not to do, or failed to do something that he or she was obligated to do.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – A case reported in this category is one brought pursuant to OH Rev. Code § 4123.519, which is an appeal of a decision by the Industrial Commission in any injury or occupational disease case, other than a decision as to extent of disability. This category also includes noncompliance actions by the state for the recovery of benefits or premiums, as well as mandamus actions arising from claims or awards.

FORECLOSURE – Used for cases that involve enforcement of a lien, mortgage, trust deed, or other similar instrument in any method provided by law. *Please include the permanent parcel number(s) of the subject property on the line indicated.* Attach a separate piece of paper if there are numerous parcels involved.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL – This category is used for cases that are appealed from a decision of an administrative agency.

OTHER CIVIL – Residual category used for civil cases that cannot be identified as belonging in the other listed classifications.

Note on Complex Litigation classification requests: This category is for those extraordinary civil cases that involve novel or complicated issues of law or fact, and that are not likely to be resolved within the time guidelines established for other cases. *New cases will not be recorded with this designation upon the initial filing; instead, these cases will be initialized by the Clerk as "Other Civil".* See Sup. R. 42 for more information.