

EXHIBIT A

**COMMERCE PROGRAM ADDENDUM  
TO CIVIL COVER SHEET**

This case *is* subject to the Commerce Program because it is not an arbitration matter and it falls within one or more of the following types (check all applicable):

- 1. Actions relating to the internal affairs or governance, dissolution or liquidation, rights or obligations between or among owners (shareholders, partners, members), or liability or indemnity of managers (officers, directors, managers, trustees, or members or partners functioning as managers) of business corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies or partnerships, professional associations, business trusts, joint ventures or other business enterprises, including but not limited to any actions involving interpretation of the rights or obligations under the organic law (e.g., Pa. Business Corporation Law), articles of incorporation, by-laws or agreements governing such enterprises;
- 2. Disputes between or among two or more business enterprises relating to transactions, business relationships or contracts between or among the business enterprises. Examples of such transactions, relationships and contracts include:
  - a. Uniform Commercial Code transactions;
  - b. Purchases or sales of business or the assets of businesses;
  - c. Sales of goods or services by or to business enterprises;
  - d. Non-consumer bank or brokerage accounts, including loan, deposit cash management and investment accounts;
  - e. Surety bonds;
  - f. Purchases or sales or leases of, or security interests in, commercial, real or personal property; and
  - g. Franchisor/franchisee relationships.
- 3. Actions relating to trade secret or non-compete agreements;
- 4. "Business torts," such as claims of unfair competition, or interference with contractual relations or prospective contractual relations;
- 5. Actions relating to intellectual property disputes;
- 6. Actions relating to securities, or relating to or arising under the Pennsylvania Securities Act;
- 7. Derivative actions and class actions based on claims otherwise falling within these ten types, such as shareholder class actions, but not including consumer class actions, personal injury class actions, and products liability class actions;
- 8. Actions relating to corporate trust affairs;
- 9. Declaratory judgment actions brought by insurers, and coverage dispute and bad faith claims brought by insureds, where the dispute arises from a business or commercial insurance policy, such as a Commercial General Liability policy;
- 10. Third-party indemnification claims against insurance companies where the subject insurance policy is a business or commercial policy and where the underlying dispute would otherwise be subject to the Commerce Program, not including claims where the underlying dispute is principally a personal injury claim.

# Instructions for Completing Civil Cover Sheet

Rules of Court require that a Civil Cover Sheet be attached to any document commencing an action (whether the action is commenced by Complaint, Writ of Summons, Notice of Appeal, or by Petition). The information requested is necessary to allow the Court to properly monitor, control and dispose cases filed. A copy of the Civil Cover Sheet must be attached to service copies of the document commencing an action. The attorney or non-represented party filing a case shall complete the form as follows:

## A. Parties

### i. Plaintiffs/Defendants

Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff, petitioner or appellant ("plaintiff") and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency or corporation, use the full name of the agency or corporation. In the event there are more than three plaintiffs and/or three defendants, list the additional parties on the Supplemental Parties Form. Husband and wife are to be listed as separate parties.

### ii. Parties' Addresses

Enter the address of the parties at the time of filing of the action. If any party is a corporation, enter the address of the registered office of the corporation.

iii. *Number of Plaintiffs/Defendants*: Indicate the total number of plaintiffs and total number of defendants in the action.

**B. Commencement Type:** Indicate type of document filed to commence the action.

**C. Amount in Controversy:** Check the appropriate box.

**D. Court Program:** Check the appropriate box.

**E. Case Types:** Insert the code number and type of action by consulting the list set forth hereunder. To perfect a jury trial, the appropriate fees must be paid as provided by rules of court.

### Proceedings Commenced by Appeal

#### Minor Court

- 5M Money Judgment
- 5L Landlord and Tenant
- 5D Denial Open Default Judgment
- 5E Code Enforcement
- Other:

#### Local Agency

- 5B Motor Vehicle Suspension -  
Breathalyzer
- 5V Motor Vehicle Licenses,  
Inspections, Insurance
- 5C Civil Service
- 5K Philadelphia Parking Authority
- 5Q Liquor Control Board
- 5R Board of Revision of Taxes
- 5X Tax Assessment Boards
- 5Z Zoning Board
- 52 Board of View
- 51 Other:

Other:

### Proceedings Commenced by Petition

- 8P Appointment of Arbitrators
- 8C Name Change - Adult
- 8L Compel Medical Examination
- 8D Eminent Domain
- 8E Election Matters
- 8F Forfeiture
- 8S Leave to Issue Subpoena
- 8M Mental Health Proceedings
- 8G Civil Tax Case - Petition
- Other:

### Actions Commenced by Writ of Summons or Complaint

#### Contract

- 1C Contract
- 1T Construction
- 1O Other:

#### Tort

- 2B Assault and Battery
- 2L Libel and Slander
- 4F Fraud
- 1J Bad Faith
- 2E Wrongful Use of Civil Process
- Other:

#### Negligence

- 2V Motor Vehicle Accident
- 2H Other Traffic Accident
- 1F No Fault Benefits
- 4M Motor Vehicle Property Damage
- 2F Personal Injury - FELA
- 2O Other Personal Injury
- 2S Premises Liability - Slip & Fall
- 2P Product Liability
- 2T Toxic Tort
- T1 Asbestos*
- TZ DES*
- T2 Implant*
- 3E Toxic Waste
- Other:

#### Professional Malpractice

- 2D Dental
- 4L Legal
- 2M Medical
- 4Y Other:

#### 1G Subrogation

#### Equity

- E1 No Real Estate
- E2 Real Estate
- 1D Declaratory Judgment
- M1 Mandamus

#### Real Property

- 3R Rent, Lease, Ejectment
- Q1 Quiet Title
- 3D Mortgage Foreclosure - Residential  
Owner Occupied
- 3F Mortgage Foreclosure - Not Residential  
Not Owner Occupied
- 1L Mechanics Lien
- P1 Partition  
Prevent Waste
- 1V Replevin
- 1H Civil Tax Case - Complaint
- Other:

## F. Commerce Program

Commencing January 3, 2000 the First Judicial District instituted a Commerce Program for cases involving corporations and corporate law issues, in general. If the action involves corporations as litigants or is deemed a Commerce Program case for other reasons, please check this block AND complete the information on the "Commerce Program Addendum". For further instructions, see Civil Trial Division Administrative Docket 01 of 2000.

## G. Statutory Basis for Cause of Action

If the action is commenced pursuant to statutory authority ("Petition Action"), the specific statute must be identified.

## H. Related Pending Cases

All previously filed related cases, regardless of whether consolidated by Order of Court or Stipulation, must be identified.

## I. Plaintiff's Attorney

The name of plaintiff's attorney must be inserted herein together with other required information. In the event the filer is not represented by an attorney, the name of the filer, address, the phone number and signature is required.

**The current version of the Civil Cover Sheet may be downloaded from the FJD's website  
<http://courts.phila.gov>**