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Update Summary

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1 New Origin Code

1.1 Codes

The JS-44 civil cover sheet was amended to modify the language for the existing origin code 6 to Multidistrict Litigation – Transferred from Another District (specify) and a new origin code 8 was added for Multidistrict Litigation – Direct Filed. This origin code is available in CM/ECF.

2 Distributed Ownership Funds

2.1 Events

To comply with IRS regulations, courts must track “disputed ownership funds” pertaining to 28 U.S.C. Section 1335. Each court created new docket events to track these events in CM/ECF. Check with your court to determine the actual events. Sample events public filers will have available are:

Motion for Interpleader Deposit (28 U.S.C. Section 1335)

Motion for Interpleader Disbursement (28 U.S.C. Section 1335).

3 Nature of Suit Codes

3.1 Codes

Two new Nature of Suit (NOS) codes have been created.

NOS Code (835) has been created for patent cases involving Abbreviated New Drug Applications for approval of generic drugs, also known as Hatch-Waxman cases.

NOS Code (376) has been created to identify the unsealed qui tam cases along with the unsealed date.

4 Cause of Action Codes

4.1 Codes

On May 11, 2016, the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 was enacted. The Act allows an owner of a trade secret that is misappropriated to bring a private civil action under 18 USC § 1836(b) if the trade secret is related to a product or service used in, or intended for use in, interstate or foreign commerce. Two new cause of action codes have been created to identify the cases that are being filed pursuant to the Act.

18:1836a Injunction against Misappropriation of Trade Secrets

18:1836b Civil Action to Protect Trade Secrets