

SHORT TITLE: Victoria Davey Spelling, et al. v. Benihana Encino Corp., a California Corporation

CASE NUMBER:

4. ☐ Plaintiff (name):

is doing business under the fictitious name (specify):

and has complied with the fictitious business name laws.

5. Each defendant named above is a natural person

a. ☒ except defendant (name): Benihana Encino Corp.

(1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown

(2) ☐ a corporation

(3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):

(4) ☐ a public entity (describe):

(5) ☒ other (specify): a California Corporation

b. ☐ except defendant (name):

c. ☐ except defendant (name):

(1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown

(2) ☐ a corporation

(3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):

(4) ☐ a public entity (describe):

(5) ☐ other (specify):

d. ☐ except defendant (name):

(1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown

(2) ☐ a corporation

(3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):

(4) ☐ a public entity (describe):

(5) ☐ other (specify):

(1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown

(2) ☐ a corporation

(3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):

(4) ☐ a public entity (describe):

(5) ☐ other (specify):

☐ Information about additional defendants who are not natural persons is contained in Attachment 5.

6. The true names of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff.

a. ☒ Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1 to 100 were the agents or employees of other named defendants and acted within the scope of that agency or employment.

b. ☒ Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1 to 100 are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff.

7. ☐ Defendants who are joined under Code of Civil Procedure section 382 are (names):

8. This court is the proper court because

a. ☒ at least one defendant now resides in its jurisdictional area.

b. ☒ the principal place of business of a defendant corporation or unincorporated association is in its jurisdictional area.

c. ☒ injury to person or damage to personal property occurred in its jurisdictional area.

d. ☐ other (specify):

9. ☐ Plaintiff is required to comply with a claims statute, and

a. ☐ has complied with applicable claims statutes, or

b. ☐ is excused from complying because (specify):

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**CAUSE OF ACTION—Premises Liability**

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ATTACHMENT TO ☒ Complaint ☐ Cross-Complaint

(Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)

Prem.L-1. Plaintiff (name): Victoria Davey Spelling

alleges the acts of defendants were the legal (proximate) cause of damages to plaintiff.

On (date): April 5, 2015

plaintiff was injured on the following premises in the following

fashion (description of premises and circumstances of injury):

Plaintiff Victoria Davey Spelling slipped and fell at Benihana Restaurant, located at 16226 Ventura Blvd., Encino, California, and sustained deep second and third degree burn injuries requiring hospitalization and surgery.

Prem.L-2. ☒ **Count One--Negligence** The defendants who negligently owned, maintained, managed and operated the described premises were (names): Benihana Encino Corp., a California Corporation; and,

☒ Does 1 to 100

Prem.L-3. ☐ **Count Two--Willful Failure to Warn** [Civil Code section 846] The defendant owners who willfully or maliciously failed to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity were (names):

☐ Does to

Plaintiff, a recreational user, was ☐ an invited guest ☐ a paying guest.

Prem.L-4. ☐ **Count Three--Dangerous Condition of Public Property** The defendants who owned public property on which a dangerous condition existed were (names):

☐ Does to

a. ☐ The defendant public entity had ☐ actual ☐ constructive notice of the existence of the dangerous condition in sufficient time prior to the injury to have corrected it.

b. ☐ The condition was created by employees of the defendant public entity.

Prem.L-5. a. ☐ **Allegations about Other Defendants** The defendants who were the agents and employees of the other defendants and acted within the scope of the agency were (names):

☐ Does to

b. ☐ The defendants who are liable to plaintiffs for other reasons and the reasons for their liability are ☐ described in attachment Prem.L-5.b ☐ as follows (names):



ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Number, and address):

Steven V. Angarella, Esq.  
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Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles

SEP 02 2015

Sherril K. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk

By Moses Soto, Deputy

TELEPHONE NO.:

FAX NO.:

ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Victoria Davey Spelling

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles

STREET ADDRESS: 111 N. Hill Street

MAILING ADDRESS: 111 N. Hill Street

CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012

BRANCH NAME: Central District - Stanley Mosk Courthouse

CASE NAME: Victoria Davey Spelling v. Benihana Encino Corp., et al.

## CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

☒ **Unlimited**  
(Amount  
demanded  
exceeds \$25,000)

☐ **Limited**  
(Amount  
demanded is  
\$25,000 or less)

## Complex Case Designation

☐ **Counter** ☐ **Joinder**  
Filed with first appearance by defendant  
(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)

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BC 593629

JUDGE:

DEPT:

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

## Auto Tort

☐ Auto (22)  
☐ Uninsured motorist (46)

## Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

☐ Asbestos (04)  
☐ Product liability (24)  
☐ Medical malpractice (45)  
☒ Other PI/PD/WD (23)

## Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

☐ Business tort/unfair business practice (07)  
☐ Civil rights (08)  
☐ Defamation (13)  
☐ Fraud (16)  
☐ Intellectual property (19)  
☐ Professional negligence (25)  
☐ Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)

## Employment

☐ Wrongful termination (36)  
☐ Other employment (15)

## Contract

☐ Breach of contract/warranty (06)  
☐ Rule 3.740 collections (09)  
☐ Other collections (09)  
☐ Insurance coverage (18)  
☐ Other contract (37)

## Real Property

☐ Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)  
☐ Wrongful eviction (33)  
☐ Other real property (26)

## Unlawful Detainer

☐ Commercial (31)  
☐ Residential (32)  
☐ Drugs (38)

## Judicial Review

☐ Asset forfeiture (05)  
☐ Petition re: arbitration award (11)  
☐ Writ of mandate (02)  
☐ Other judicial review (39)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation  
(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403)

☐ Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)  
☐ Construction defect (10)  
☐ Mass tort (40)  
☐ Securities litigation (28)  
☐ Environmental/Toxic tort (30)  
☐ Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)

## Enforcement of Judgment

☐ Enforcement of judgment (20)

## Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

☐ RICO (27)  
☐ Other complaint (not specified above) (42)

## Miscellaneous Civil Petition

☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21)  
☐ Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

- a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties d. ☐ Large number of witnesses  
b. ☐ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court  
c. ☐ Substantial amount of documentary evidence f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision

3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☐ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☐ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): One (1) - Premises Liability

5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 8/28/15

Steven V. Angarella, Esq.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

## NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND  
STATEMENT OF LOCATION  
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

**This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.0 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.**

**Item I.** Check the types of hearing and fill in the estimated length of hearing expected for this case:

JURY TRIAL? ☒ YES CLASS ACTION? ☐ YES LIMITED CASE? ☐ YES TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL 7-9 ☐ HOURS/ ☒ DAYS

**Item II.** Indicate the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps – If you checked "Limited Case", skip to Item III, Pg. 4):

**Step 1:** After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column **A**, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.

**Step 2:** Check one Superior Court type of action in Column **B** below which best describes the nature of this case.

**Step 3:** In Column **C**, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.0.

**Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)**

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| 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district. | 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.    |
| 2. May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage).  | 7. Location where petitioner resides.                      |
| 3. Location where cause of action arose.   | 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly. |
| 4. Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.                       | 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.       |
| 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.                     | 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office                  |

**Step 4:** Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

Auto Tort

Other Personal Injury/ Property  
Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6070 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2. 2.
Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons <input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) <input type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress <input type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 4. 1., 4. 1., 3. 1., 4.



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Non-Personal Injury/ Property  
Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

Employment

Contract

Real Property

Unlawful Detainer

A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1., 3.
Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1., 2., 3.
Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1., 2., 3.
Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6017 Legal Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3. 1., 2., 3.
Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2., 3.
Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1., 2., 3. 10.
Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) <input type="checkbox"/> A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) <input type="checkbox"/> A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) <input type="checkbox"/> A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2., 5. 2., 5. 1., 2., 5. 1., 2., 5.
Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5., 6. 2., 5.
Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.
Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6009 Contractual Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> A6031 Tortious Interference <input type="checkbox"/> A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 8.
Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels _____	2.
Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> A6032 Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2., 6. 2., 6. 2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2., 6.



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Judicial Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6100 Asset Forfeiture Case 2, 8	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition re Arbitration (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6116 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration 2, 5	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus 2, 8	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter 2	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review 2, 8		
Exceptionally Complex Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation 1, 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6007 Construction Defect 1, 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort 1, 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case 1, 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Tort / Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental 1, 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only) 1, 2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment 2, 8		
	<input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Abstract of Judgment 2, 6		
	<input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) 2, 8		
	<input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) 2, 8		
Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax 2, 8		
	<input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case 2, 8, 9		
	<input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case 1, 2, 8	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (12)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6030 Declaratory Relief Only 1, 2, 8	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment) 2, 8	
<input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) 1, 2, 8			
<input type="checkbox"/> A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex) 1, 2, 8			
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case 2, 8	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6121 Civil Harassment 2, 3, 9	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6123 Workplace Harassment 2, 3, 9	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case 2, 3, 9	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6190 Election Contest 2	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6110 Petition for Change of Name 2, 7	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law 2, 3, 4, 8	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6100 Other Civil Petition 2, 9	



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**Item III. Statement of Location:** Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., **Step 3** on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

**REASON:** Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case.

☐ 1. ☐ 2. ☐ 3. ☒ 4. ☐ 5. ☐ 6. ☐ 7. ☐ 8. ☐ 9. ☐ 10.

ADDRESS: 16226 Ventura Blvd.

CITY:

Encino

STATE:

CA

ZIP CODE:

91436

**Item IV. Declaration of Assignment:** I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that the above-entitled matter is properly filed for assignment to the Stanley Mosk courthouse in the Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., § 392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.0, subds. (b), (c) and (d)].

Dated: 8/27/15



(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

Steven V. Angarella, Esq.

**PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:**

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/11).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.