**SUPREME COURT OF THE STUDENT BODY**

No. \_\_\_\_\_–\_\_\_\_\_

(*To be filled in by Clerk*)

[NAME(s)]

*Plaintiff*(*s*)

(*Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write ‘see attached’ in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names*)

*v*.

[NAME(s)]

*Defendant*(*s*)

(*Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write ‘see attached’ in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names*)

**COMPLAINT**

# INTRODUCTION

(*The Court hears various cases. Use the introduction to provide the relevant background*. *Do not make legal arguments. This is your chance to be persuasive. Don’t waste it. Adhere to good writing principles, grammar, and structure. Do not wall of death us. Use multiple paragraphs, but keep the introduction as brief as possible.)* **[Explanatory delete once filled in] [EXAMPLE BELOW IS PURELY AN EXAMPLE]**

1. Penelope Person is an editor of *Tarheel Times*, one of the longest-running and widely recognized student publications across campus. This action arises from a new policy recently enacted by the Tarheel Times Student Organization, which requires editors to do ten jumping jacks before submitting articles for publication.
2. More info as needed, keep it concise, and walk the Court through the “triggering event” to the day the complaint is submitted.

# PARTIES

(*The Court hears various cases and resides across different UNC programs. It is important that we understand WHO the parties are. Therefore, you need to help us understand the players. Provide a concise description of EVERY NAMED PARTY. “Use upon information and belief” for named Defendants, UNLESS the named defendant is an organization identified by statute, rule, or code.)* **[Explanatory delete once filled in]**

1. Plaintiff [Name] is [concise description, each plaintiff is a new line]
2. Upon information and belief, Defendant [Name] is [concise description, each defendant is a new line].

# JURISDICTION AND STANDING

(*The Student Supreme Court possesses limited ‘jurisdiction’—in other words, limited power. The Court may hear cases based on a substantive issue of law concerning the Student Constitution “or laws enacted under its authority*.*” Student Const. ch. 1, art. IV, §5. In this section, you will explain the basis for the Student Supreme Court’s jurisdiction*. Also, The Court *may only consider cases where the plaintiff(s) have ‘standing’—in other words, the plaintiffs are the legally proper parties to bring the case in question*. *The governing standards are laid out in Part IV of the Court’s Bylaws,* and all governing documents may be found on the Court’s website). **[Explanatory delete once filled in]**

1. The Court has jurisdiction of this action pursuant to [statute, rule, code(s)] and over Defendant(s) because they are [whatever they are] as defined by [statute rule, code(s)]
2. Standing is proper pursuant to [statute, rule, code(s)].

# FACTS RELEVANT TO ALL CLAIMS

*(State the facts that apply to all claims. Include dates, times, places, and people. These are a broad overview of the facts that lead up to your claim. This is where you let the court know if something is coming in as an EXHIBIT. EXHIBITS ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR COMPLAINTS BUT ARE HELPFUL.)*

1. Use general facts to tell the story. If there is only one claim there is no need to use this subsection, put everything under the single claim. A copy is attached as Exhibit A.

# FIRST CLAIM

## Short and Plain Statement of Claim

[Against: All Defendants or particular Defendant(s)]

(*Write a short and plain statement of the claim. State the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought as briefly as possible. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that was illegal, caused the plaintiff(s) harm, and/or violated the plaintiff(s)’s rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct*. *If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each. Attach additional pages and paragraphs if needed.*) **DO NOT ATTACH EXHIBITS, IF IMAGES ARE NEEDED, EMBED THEM INTO THE COMPLAINT UNDER THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPH] [EXHIBITS ARE TO BE MARKED AND SUBMITTED SEPARATELY FROM THE COMPLAINT]**

1. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates the above paragraphs by reference as if set forth herein.
2. Defendant did things [use multiple lines for different actions]. [Reference the proper Exhibit if referenced]
3. Those things violate some right, law, code, rule. [Cite to the rule using proper citation].
4. As a result of Defendant’s actions, Plaintiff has [describe the suffered harm, injury, etc. . .] and is entitled to relief permitted by law. [cite to the law, code, rule].

# RELIEF

(*State briefly and precisely what relief is sought. Include any basis for claiming that the alleged wrongs are continuing. Include any precise monetary amounts, if applicable to your claim. Include any reason you claim you are entitled to relief.*)

Wherefore, Plaintiff(s) request the following relief:

1. [What do you want the Court to do about it?]
2. Any other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

The undersigned individuals affirm they read in full the foregoing Complaint, and the allegations therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ [Plaintiff Signature]

[Plaintiff Name]

[UNC Dept. or School]

[*Email Address*]

/s/ [Counsel Signature]

[Counsel Name]

*Counsel of Record*

[UNC Dept. or School]

[*Email Address*]

Submitted [Date of Signing].

(*All counsel must include this information and sign the complaint. If there is more than one student serving as counsel, copy the above information so that all counsellors may sign. Lead counsel shall indicate that they are ‘counsel of record’ under their printed name*. *Delete parentheticals when done*.)

**NOTICE**

**All red text and those contained in brackets [ ] must be deleted or replaced with the required information and placed in black font prior to filing a complaint with the Court.**