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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**DESIGNATION FORM** 

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Plaintiff:

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Address of Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ 208 S. Akard, St., Dallas, TX 75202

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction:

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:			
Case Number:	Judge:	Date Terminated:	
Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered	to any of the following questions:		
. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year Yes No			
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit Yes No Ver pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?			
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier Yes No Ver No			
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights Yes No Ves			
I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case $\Box$ is / $\odot$ is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. DATE: 01/30/2020 55799			
DATE: 01/30/2020	Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff	Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)	
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(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.) I,, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:			
Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:			
Relief other than monetary damages is sought.			
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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

### **CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM**

PATRICE KANTZ		:	CIVIL ACTION
AT&T, INC.	V.	:	
and AT&T SERVICES, INC.		:	NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

### SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

(a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255.	( )
(b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits.	( )
(c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2.	( )
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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PATRICE KANTZ Murrells Inlet, SC 29576, on behalf of herself individually and on behalf of those similarly situated,	
Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO
	ADEA COLLECTIVE ACTION
V.	: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
AT&T, INC. 208 S. Akard St. Dallas, TX 75202,	
and	
AT&T SERVICES, INC. 208 S. Akard St. Dallas, TX 75202,	
Defendant	ts.:

### **COMPLAINT**

### I. <u>PRELIMINARY STATEMENT</u>

AT&T, at the highest levels of the company, has expressed its displeasure at having an aging workforce, its intention to transform the company for the future, and its desire and expectation that older workers will leave its workforce. Toward that end, AT&T undertook a course of action designed to terminate the employment of older workers through a centrally planned workforce reduction in its Technology & Operations ("ATO") business unit that was announced by ATO's President, Jeff McElfresh, on January 4, 2019.

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In an e-mail message to all ATO management employees, President McElfresh described the upcoming workforce reduction in thinly veiled age biased terms. President McElfresh told the ATO managers: "To win in this new world, we must continue to lower costs and keep getting *faster, leaner and more agile*. This includes reductions in our organization, and others across the company, which will begin later this month and take place over several months." (Emphasis added.) President McElfresh's message suggested that the workforce reduction in ATO would in some unspecified way involve geographic location. Of course, to the extent that location was in fact a consideration, a workforce may intentionally be made *younger* through a reduction in force that considered location if, for example and without limitation, the areas in which a greater number of young employees were "located" (physically or simply by "assignment") were designated as the favored locations and/or exempt from reduction, the employees were assigned a location with the intent to discriminate based on age, a location was determined for purposes of the reduction because of age, or location was a factor in the selection process used as a pretext for age discrimination.

AT&T's January 2019 workforce reduction in ATO was part of its long-term scheme and pattern or practice to replace older employees with younger ones. It was designed to, and did, discriminatorily remove older employees from AT&T's workforce, and then intentionally deceive them into falsely believing that, in exchange for a severance benefit, they had released their right to sue the company for age discrimination. AT&T knowingly presented to the older workers terminated as part of its January, 2019 ATO reduction a "General Release and Waiver" that was materially identical to AT&T's General Release and Waiver that the Honorable Timothy J. Rice of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania <u>had already determined to be in violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA")</u>.

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