

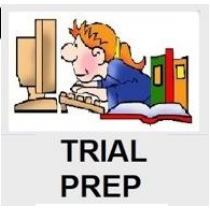
DISTRICT COURT CIVIL LAW SUIT ROAD MAP



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR AND BE HEARD

Trial by Judge ('Bench Trial') or Trial by Jury ('Jury Trial')

TRIAL



PRE-TRIAL DEADLINES & PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS

TRIAL PREP



EFFORT TO REACH AN AGREEMENT, WITH THE HELP OF A NEUTRAL, 3RD PARTY MEDIATOR

MEDIATION



EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES

Required Disclosure

- Discovery** 1) Admissions
- 2) Interrogatories
- 3) Requests for Documents

Depositions, Inspections, Exams

DISCOVERY

"AT ISSUE" DATE

- USUALLY SET BY THE COURT -



PRELIMINARY MOTIONS

- Motion to Dismiss
- Motion for Summary Judgement
- Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings

PRELIMINARY MOTIONS



ANSWER

- Defenses
- Counterclaims

ANSWER FILED
By Defendant



SERVICE

- Complaint is served on the Defendant
- Proof of Service is filed with the Court

COMPLAINT SERVED
On Defendant



COMPLAINT FILED
By Plaintiff



RESEARCH, STRATEGY & PLANNING

