SYNDICATE LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

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Team of:
Attorneys / Lawyers
Law Clerks
Paralegals
Industry Specialists

Small Claims:

- Small Claims Court is a special Court where disputes are resolved quickly and inexpensively. The rules are simple and informal. Lawsuits are subject to time limits, called Statutes of Limitations, which vary. For example, certain types of Small Claims Lawsuits must be filed within two years of the incident that cased the harm.

- In California for example, an Individual cannot ask for more than $10,000 USD, and a company cannot ask for more than $5,000 USD. You can file as many claims as you want for up to $2,500 USD each, but you can only file two claims in a calendar year that ask for more than $2,500 USD.

- The First Step in starting a Small Claims Lawsuit if filing with the Court. We will prepare the "Complaint" which contains a short and plain statement of the case. We will need the defendant's correct name and address to ensure proper and timely service of the summons when issued by the court. We will ensure the Summons and a copy of the Complaint are properly served to the defendant through a Court Processor Server or the Sheriff's Department.

- There is opportunity during the time before the trial date for the parties to settle the dispute. We are exceptionally good at mediation and helping legal contestants settle their disagreement. If you reach a settlement, the Plaintiff of the case must dismiss the case. If you do not reach a settlement, you will go to trial. We will work to line up your witnesses, ensure your evidence presentations are court ready, that you have a court notebook of your case ready to go, and that you are prepared to present your case to the Small Claims Court Judge.

- If you prevail in Small Claims Court and win a judgment, do not expect the defendant to immediately do whatever the Court ordered. Enforcing a judgment is often more difficult than winning one. The problems you are likely to encounter are no unique to Small Claims Court. We are more than capable of helping you to recover a judgment that you have been awarded.

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