

I. WHAT HAPPENS IN A CIVIL CASE?

A. Pleadings

1) *Complaint*

2) *Summons*

3) *Response*

B. Discovery

C. Pretrial Discussions

1) *drop the suit*

2) *settle*

3) *mediation*

4) *arbitration*

D. Trial

1) *“preponderance of evidence”*

E. Verdict

1) *If for the plaintiff...*

2) *If for the defendant...*

F. Appeal