

## **Litigation**

When negotiations break down and parties no longer see eye to eye, one may find themselves in the middle of litigation. Litigation is defined as the process of taking legal action to resolve a dispute in the court of law. The important steps in litigation include the following:

**Pre-litigation:** An attempt to discuss and resolve the issue prior to seeking assistance of the court

**Complaint:** Document filed with the court to begin the lawsuit

**Answer:** Response by the adverse party to the Complaint establishing position, defenses, and any claims on their behalf

**Discovery:** Fact-finding and gathering evidence to support allegations and defenses

**Trial:** A final presentation of all facts and evidence of the case before a judge or jury

**Verdict or Judgment:** Ruling on the merits of the case by either a judge or jury to resolve the legal issue

**Appeal:** Procedure available to losing party asking the court for reconsideration after the verdict or final judgment

The Law Boutique, LLC (“TLB”) can assist with your legal matters from pre-litigation through discovery with the goal of settling the case before trial. TLB has expertise in state and superior courts and are very familiar with state rules of civil procedure. In addition to knowledge of how a matter moves through the court system, we also can advise you on a legal strategy to help win your case. For the pro se litigant (one representing themselves in court), we can offer assistance at various stages of the litigation process. These a la carte services will provide you with the comfort of knowing you have legal expertise at an affordable price.

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