



CIVIL LAWSUIT

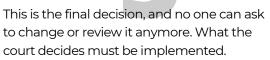
A problem occurs

Sometimes two people enter into an agreement with each other and then one of them breaks the agreement, causing harm to the other person. The injured person calls for damages from the person who caused the harm. The compensation is usually monetary. However, it can also happen that someone does not violate an agreement but someone else's personality rights (e.g. hurting their reputation, telling lies about the person). In this case a certain act could serve as reparation for the harm caused, or the damaged person can also ask for money.

<u>Verdict</u>

After both the plaintiff and the defendant have been heard and their evidence has been examined at a trial, the court will reach a verdict. This means that the court will decide which party is right and will order the person who caused harm to pay money to the damaged person or do some other act to compensate for his/her wrongdoing.





Negotiations

If the person who caused the harm refuses to compensate for it, the damaged person can ask a court to order them to do so. For this to happen, the damaged person writes a complaint to the court, explaining what happened. From that point on, the person who wrote the complaint is called the plaintiff, and the person who caused the harm is called the defendant. It will be the court's task to pass judgement between the two equal parties.

<u>Appeal</u>

If someone who has been declared by a court as the one being wrong does not agree the decision of the court, they can ask another court to review the verdict.







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