



Judicial Systems - Federal & VA Civil & Criminal Cases

Procedure for Civil Cases Cut Ups

1. The plaintiff files a complaint to recover damages or receive compensation. **Civil Cases**
2. Cases may be heard by a judge or a jury, depending on the issue or amount of damages sought. **Civil Cases**
3. A ruling (decision) is issued by the judge or a verdict by the jury. **Civil Cases**
4. The judge's decision or the jury's verdict (the final judgment) may be appealed to a higher court by either party. **Civil Cases**