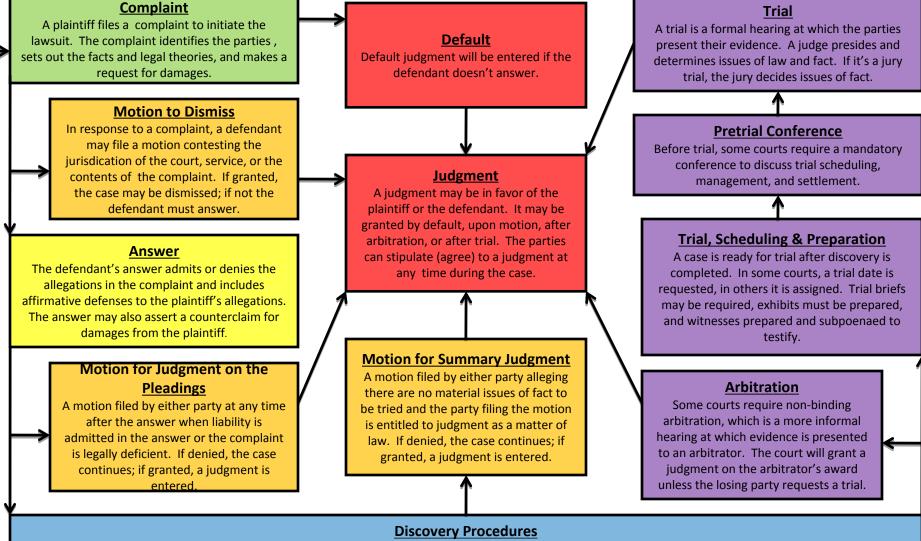
Court Case Flow Chart

Although a dispute can be resolved at any time by the parties (by agreement or perhaps through mediation), it may also be resolved through the prosecution of a lawsuit. This chart depicts the various steps in a lawsuit, starting with the filing of a complaint and ending with the entry of judgment.



Discovery is used to obtain information about the case and may include *interrogatories* (written questions to the other party), *requests for production* (requests that a party produce documents or things), *depositions* (the examination of a witness), and *requests for admissions* (written requests to admit facts). A *subpoena* can be used to gain information from a non-party. If a party doesn't respond to discovery within the required time period, the court can impose sanctions.