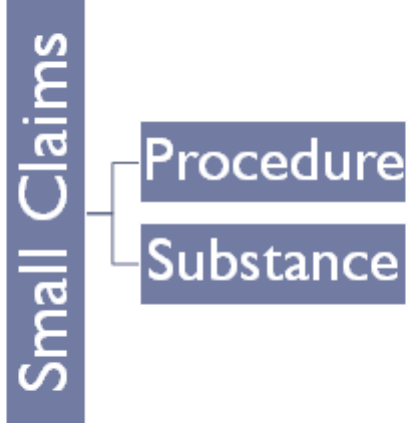
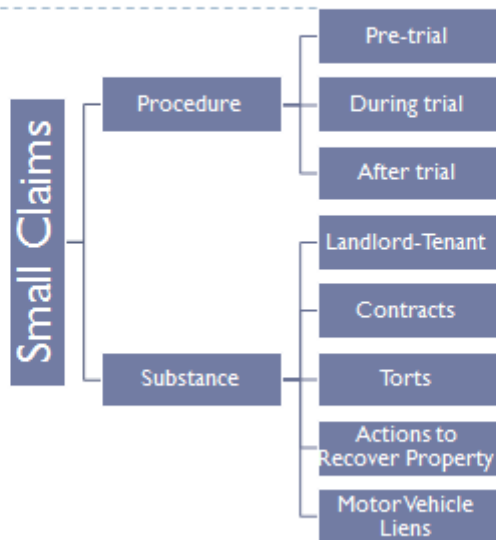


Overview of Small Claims Law

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Judicial Decision-Making: How the Law Works

A cause of action is _____

_____.

Before we allow a plaintiff to use the force of law to take away property belonging to another, we require every plaintiff to establish specific facts. We call these facts

Essential Elements

Every cause of action has its own particular elements. Only after a plaintiff has introduced enough evidence to **prove** each individual element do we require a defendant to either rebut the evidence against her, or introduce additional evidence establishing an affirmative defense.

You injured me by

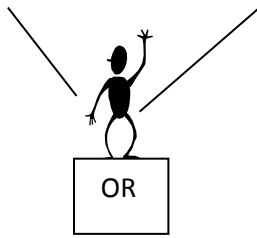
and so I'm suing you for

....

Here are the essential elements of my case:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I am not responsible for your injury, because one of your essential elements is not true:



Even if everything you say is true, I'm STILL not responsible for your injury, because

Begin every case by asking yourself "What is π claiming Δ did wrong?" Only after determining liability should you begin to consider the remedy.
