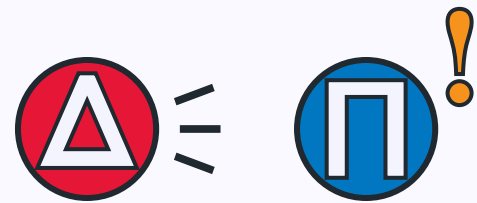


"There is one form of action—the civil action."

Taking Civil Action

At its core, a civil action is taken to resolve a dispute. In a simple example, one party (blue) claims to have been wronged by another (red).



Blue commences the civil action by filing a complaint with the court (covered in Rule 3). In this scenario, blue is the plaintiff, and red is the defendant.

Preponderance of Evidence

The plaintiff needs to convince the court with a **PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE**. This means that if the evidence weighs in favor of the plaintiff by the weight of a feather, or of a single peppercorn, the plaintiff wins the case. The plaintiff *could* win in a landslide, but the margin for victory is a hair's breadth over 50%.

