

Judges read over your complaint/answer. Write down anything you want to ask during the trial.

On trial date, everyone starts at the back of the room.

Bailiff-All rise for the honorable judge Olivia Letko or whoever it is.

Judge goes to my desk and tells everyone to be seated. Then says the court is now in session and hits gavel.

The bailiff goes to the front and says, Now calling case number repeat what is on complaint. Then call the names of the people on the complaint such as Plaintiff Rachel Drake versus defendant Danielle Lain. The bailiff then sits/stands by the computer cart.

Plaintiff and Defendant stand in front of my desk facing the judge.

Ask the plaintiff and the defendant if they tried to settle outside of court with letters. Collect the letters. Read them over to yourself. Make note of anything confusing or different from the complaint and answer.

Judge says Plaintiff please state your case.

The Plaintiff goes through the duty, breach, cause, and harm while discussing the story. At cause they should show what evidence they have that proves the defendant was linked to the action. If they don't produce the evidence, be sure to ask for it. When they discuss harm, ask for the receipts. Judges should ask questions as they talk and keep control of the courtroom if they start arguing with each other.

All evidence is given to the bailiff and shown on the document camera or on the computer if it is a video.

The judge then asks the defendant to go through their case in the same way. Again, question and control as needed.

The judge then asks the plaintiff if they have any final words which allows them to summarize their four elements and explain why they feel the defendant should pay.

In the sample case you will read the judgment. In the real case you will say that you will review the evidence and read the judgment during our next class.