

WELCOME TO THE SMALL CLAIMS
DIVISION OF THE 62-B DISTRICT
COURT

IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT

- There are no attorneys
- There are no juries
- There are no appeals, the judge's decision is final.
- If you wish to have an attorney, a jury trial, or the possibility of an appeal, please make your request before the trial starts.

TRIAL PROCEDURE

- All witnesses are sworn
- First the plaintiff and the plaintiff's witnesses will testify
- Then the defendant and the defendant's witnesses will testify
- I will give each side another opportunity to testify
- Please do not interrupt the other side
- Please speak to me not to the other side

TRIAL PROCEDURE

- The plaintiff has the burden to prove his/her case by a preponderance of the evidence both as to liability and as to damages
- After hearing all of the witnesses, the court will make its decision.
- If the court finds for the plaintiff, the defendant will have 21 days to pay the judgment or make a payment plan

DISRUPTIONS

- I will hear your case as soon as possible
- I may have to take care of some other business but I will try to keep the interruptions to a minimum
- Please turn off your cell phones that would disrupt the court