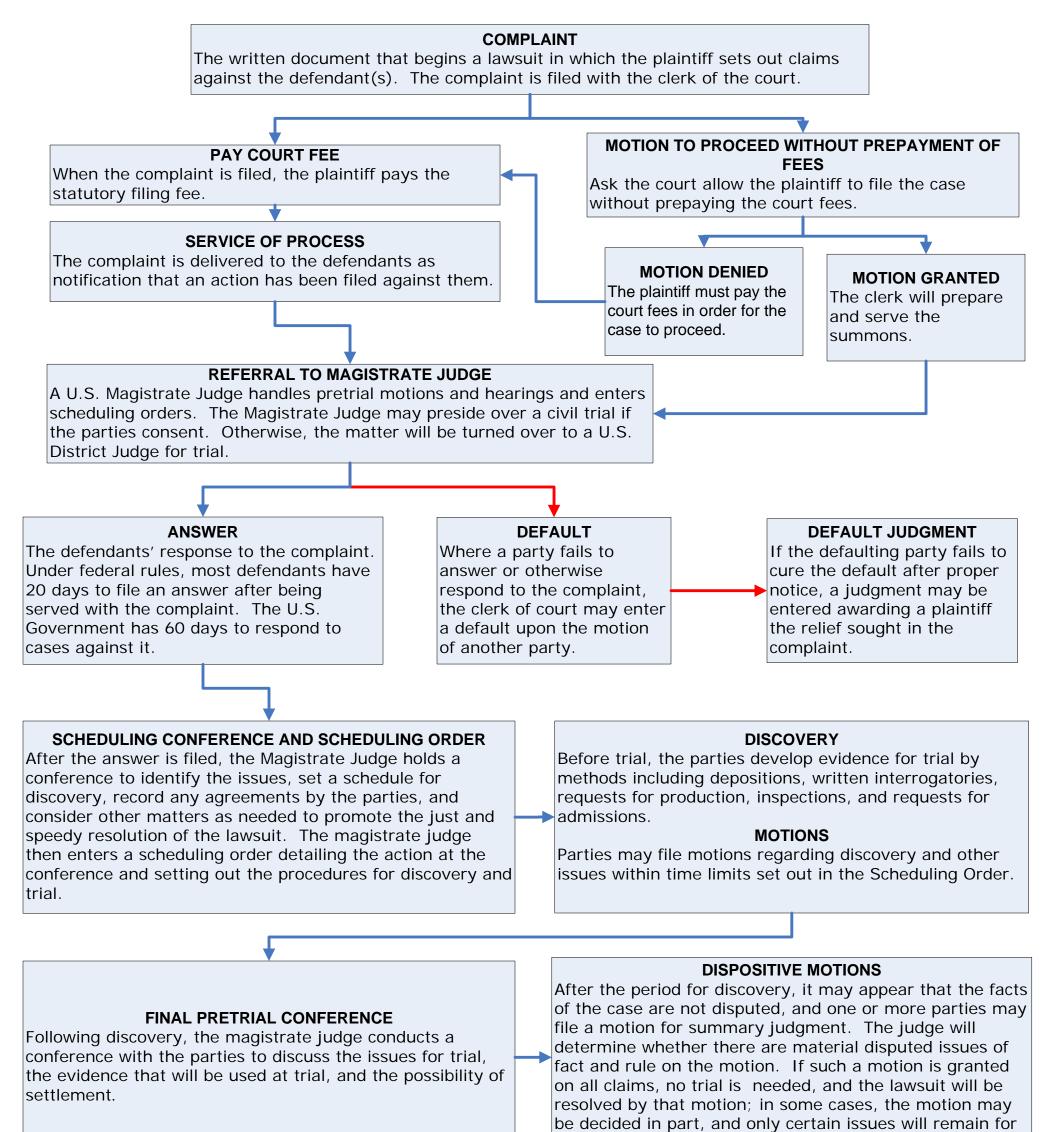
Civil Case Flowchart



trial.

TRIAL

A trial allows the parties to formally present their case in open court by offering testimony and evidence in support of their positions and by making oral argument. The parties have a right to a trial by jury in a civil action, and the jury ordinarily must reach a unanimous verdict.

JUDGMENT

After a verdict, the court enters a judgment on its docket which states the result of the proceeding and clearly identifies the specific relief to which the prevailing parties are entitled.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

A dissatisfied party may appeal the judgment by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the district court. The notice of appeal ordinarily must be filed within 30 days after the judgment. If the United States or its officer or agency is a party, the notice of appeal must be filed within 60 days after the judgment.