

Stages of Litigation

Commencement
of the Action

Summons
w or w/o
Complaint

Answer

Discovery

Documents
Exchanged

Statement of
Net Worth

Interrogatories (?)

Depositions

Expert Valuations

Pre Trial Motions

Parties
voluntarily reach
an agreement to
settle the action

Trial

Trial
(Evidence
Presented)

Judge Renders
Decision

Post-Trial

Lawyers Prepare
Papers for Judge's
Signature

Judge Signs Papers

Lawyer Serves
Papers