

How to Draft & Serve Initial Pleadings

Getting court action started

There is much more to consider in drafting pleadings than simply making sure that the document meets bare notice requirements. Commencing suit is one of the most critical points in any piece of litigation and starting the case out right is crucial.

This program provides practical guidance for drafting pleadings thoroughly and well, in a manner that both complies with the requirements of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, and avoids issues of insufficient pleading that may arise under those rules. Learn what you need to know about drafting effecting complaints, service of process, and preparing equally effective answers in a variety of civil actions.

Agenda

- How to Commence an Action
- How to Draft a Complaint to Avoid Motions to Dismiss
- Forms of Pleadings
- Court Timelines and Deadlines to Consider When Filing Complaints
- How to Analyze Defense Considerations
- Venue Considerations
- How to Timely Respond
- Means for Effective Service
- Answering and Responding to Complaints, Including Counterclaims
- Defenses
- Motions to Consider in Response
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

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Dates & Location

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