

LITIGATION TIMELINE

Burton/Surya

File Lawsuit

- Attorney and Client agree that litigation is necessary.
- Prepare litigation strategy.
- Attorney files lawsuit and serves lawsuit on all defendants.

Discovery

- In Georgia, discovery lasts 6 months. Most cases resolve soon before or after the discovery period.
- Client (with Attorney's help) responds to Defendant's written questions, request for admissions, and request to produce documents.
- Defendant responds to Plaintiff's written questions, request for admissions, and request to produce documents.
- Client participates in a Deposition (sworn interview with both attorneys).

Mediation

- If a case does not settle soon after discovery, the parties hire a third party to mediate.
- Many cases resolve in or soon after the mediation.

Pre-Trial

- Attorney and client prepare for trial and discuss trial strategy.
- Gather and prepare witnesses, finalize evidence.

Trial

- Attorney and Client select Jury Panel.
- Plaintiff, Defendant, Witnesses, and Experts testify.
- Jury deliberates and renders a verdict.