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is valued at the same amount as the money judgment. Searching for other assets that the person possesses that may be of value through a skip tracer service or through the local courts. Sending paperwork to the defendant that asks questions about how they will pay the money judgment, what assets they own, and what their income sources are (except an anonymous account). Subpoena the losing party to testify under oath about their assets so that you can attempt to collect. Sometimes people hire an attorney for post-judgment debt collection services. This is more affordable than hiring them for the entirety of the case, but it still can be expensive. You may be able to appeal to a district court or contest the judgment if you lose at small claims court. State law varies and some states don't allow appeals. If appeals are allowed in your state, you could consider hiring an attorney to assist you. But, again, appellate attorneys are costly and you must balance the costs with the likely small returns. Be thoughtful and carefully consider whether it's feasible and whether it's worth it. The verdict is in: You can hire an attorney for full representation, limited representation, or assistance with preparing your small claims case. Your choice will depend on your state's laws and your ability to pay. Hiring an attorney for a small claims case can be cost-prohibitive and is often not worth it. Many people represent themselves successfully because small claims courts are more accessible and simpler by design. The court proceedings are meant to be a reasonably fast and relatively inexpensive way to resolve disputes. I Back to topShare Article [▲] The idea of representing yourself in court can be very daunting, especially if you are unfamiliar with the process and have not appeared in court before. You might be suing another person - your claim might be against one or more individuals, or against a company. Alternatively, you might be defending a claim brought by somebody else. A number of representatives can speak on your behalf in court and present your case in the best possible way. You provide instructions for them to act for you in front of the court and to pursue your case in a certain way. The representative will use their legal training and experience to secure the best possible outcome for you at the court hearing. This article will focus on Civil cases, rather than Criminal or Family matters. Qualified lawyers The term 'lawyer' includes different types of qualified legal professionals. Barristers Barristers have the right to represent their clients in any court, before any sort of judge. Their work is mainly to provide representation and give specialist advice to clients. 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They all have a 'right of audience' (the right to address the judge) in order to present your case. Other options for representation There are also several cases where you can be represented by an 'exempt person'. Exempt persons often already have an extensive legal educational background. It is common for them to be close to qualifying as a solicitor or a barrister. An exempt person also has a right of audience in certain circumstances. The exempt person needs to be supervised and instructed by a solicitor and their work should include assisting in the conduct of litigation, under the Legal Services Act 2007. The case also has to be of the sort that would usually take place 'in chambers', which is sometimes expressed as being 'in the judge's room'. A judge's room might be physically quite small, similar to an office. As long as the above criteria apply, then you can be represented in court by an exempt person. Commonly, they are known as 'solicitor's agents'. 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Let's see if we can find a calm, clear space in that jungle!Continue Reading >> In addition to solicitors or barristers, a party can be represented in the County Court, by an authorised person from a local authority in local authority possession proceedings ' McKenzie friend' (someone who can assist and advise a 'litigant in person' in court) a lay advocate with permission of the court legal executives (in private hearings only)The County Court has an inherent jurisdiction to allow any person to speak on behalf of a party on a case-by-case basis, or a general basis for certain types of cases.The Lord Chancellor has the power to make orders providing for unrestricted rights of audience in a number of types of cases.[1] Currently, orders have been made in relation to small claims arbitrations only. Solicitors are less likely to be involved with small claims arbitration as legal aid is usually unavailable. Some County Courts have help desks staffed by advice agencies and/or duty solicitors who are available to help a defendant who is unrepresented. These are most commonly available where housing possession cases are to be heard. Information about duty schemes should be available from the court clerk who can also introduce a defendant to the duty representative before the hearing. In the High Court, only barristers or solicitors with higher court advocacy rights may appear in open court (although solicitors without advocacy rights can appear in unopposed applications). In private hearings, any legal representative can appear. In tribunals any representative may appear. Lay advocates commonly represent clients in tribunal hearings. Advcenow has published a series of guides for people who are going to court or a tribunal without the help of a lawyer. One of the guides covers hearings, tribunals and appeals. 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