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Injunctions: A court order commanding or preventing an action. To get an injunction, the complainant must show that there is no plain, adequate, and complete remedy at law and that an irreparable injury will result unless relief is granted.

Class Action: A lawsuit brought by a representative member(s) of a large group of persons on behalf of all members of the group. The class must be ascertainable and the members must share a common interest in the question of law and fact raised by the plaintiff(s), among other special requirements.

Mortgage Foreclosure: A lawsuit filed by a lender seeking to compel payment of a mortgage. It is precipitated by non-payment of the debt and leads to the selling of the property to which the mortgage is attached in order to satisfy the debt.

Declaratory Judgment: A lawsuit seeking the judgment of the court establishing the rights of the parties or expressing the court's opinion on a question of law without ordering anything to be done. No executory process follows as a matter of course.

Mechanic's Lien: A lawsuit seeking to enforce a lien filed for the purpose of securing priority of payment of the price or value of work performed and materials furnished in erecting or repairing a building or other structure, and as such attaches to the land as well as building and improvements erected thereon.

Administrative Review: Lawsuit seeking a judicial review of a final decision by an administrative agency.

Name Change: A lawsuit filed to request correcting the spelling of a name.

Subpoena, Action Out of State: A lawsuit filed seeking to have a subpoena issued to be served in another state.

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