

# LEGAL INFORMATION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

## Public Navigation Program

### Civil Disputes and Lawsuits

Civil claims are about private disputes. One party claims they have been wronged by another. If the parties can't work things out one party might sue. This is called a civil lawsuit or action.

### Things to think about first

Costs: your time, your money, risks

Do you have a cause of action?

Time limits

Can you get help from a lawyer?

Does the person you are suing have money to pay you?

Are you claiming less than \$100,000? Less than \$25,000?

Have you tried informal ways to solve the dispute?

### Decide what to do

Here are some options.  
Think about the cost of each option. Consider your time, money, and emotional wellbeing.

