

THE FOUR NEW TYPES OF CASES (Rule 500.3)

- All are governed by RULE 500-507 and Part V of the Rules of Civil Procedure
- Damages up to \$10,000, INCLUDING attorney fees, but EXCLUDING court costs and interest.

SMALL CLAIMS:

Small claims cases (SC) - - will include all civil cases that are NOT debt collection, Eviction cases, or Repair and Remedy cases. This will include Admin Hearings (AH).

DEBT CASES:

Governed by Rule 508, and Part V of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

Debt cases (include TAX, Credit Card, Bank). Any debt case by an assignee of a claim, a debt collector, agency, or law firm; a financial institution; any person or entity engaged primarily in the business of loaning money at interest.

REPAIR AND REMEDY CASES:

Governed by Rule 509, Chapter 92, Subchapter B of the Property Code.

Filed by a residential tenant to enforce a landlord's duty to repair or remedy a condition that materially affects the physical health or safety of a tenant.

EVICTIONS:

Governed by Rule 510, Chapter 24 of the Property Code.

The other Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Evidence do not apply unless:

- 1) When the Judge determines a particular rule must be followed to ensure fairness, or
- 2) When otherwise specifically provided for in these rules