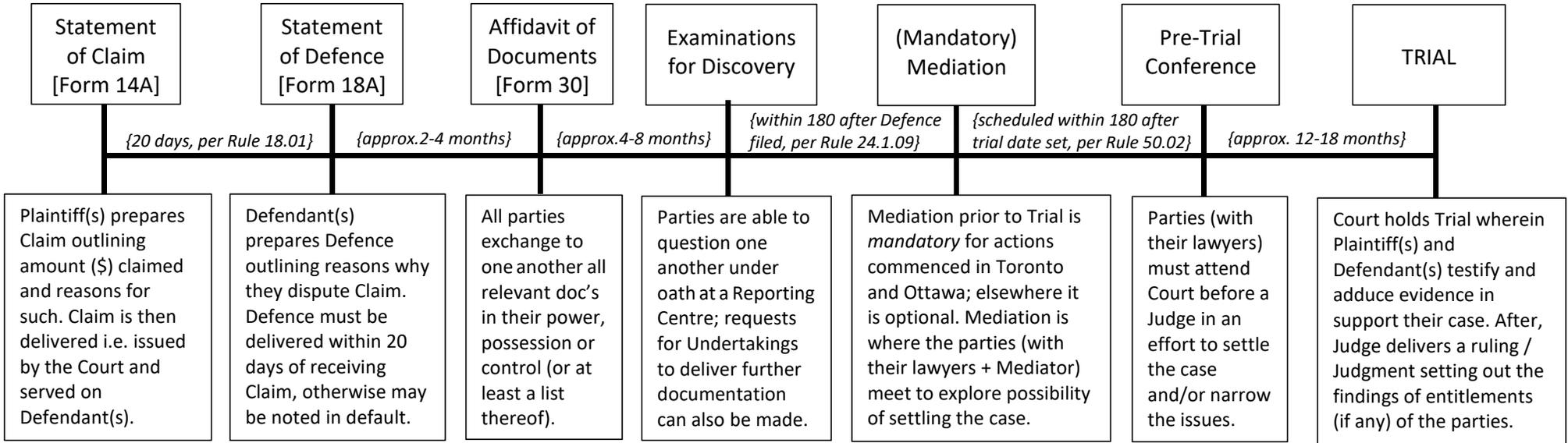




THE CIVIL PROCESS – *Superior Court of Justice*



Note: The actual Superior Court process and timeframes may differ from that above, depending on several factors (e.g. jurisdiction, number of parties, lawyers' practices, motions, default / summary judgments, etc.). Moreover, this above diagram is an *extremely* simplified illustration intended only for basic informational purposes, to give a *very general* overview of the litigation process; such is in no way comprehensive, and does not account for e.g. Third-Party Claims, Crossclaims, Counterclaims, motions, etc.

Note: Claims can be settled at any stage in the above process provided parties agree to terms. (some) Legal costs may be awarded to the successful party in the lawsuit.

Note: The above diagram illustrates *ordinary* procedure; certain matters (e.g. where amount claimed is \leq \$200,000) may proceed under Simplified Procedure, per Rule 76.

Note: If a Defendant does not file a Defence within the prescribed 20-day period, they may be "noted in default". The Plaintiff may then seek to obtain a Default Judgment.

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