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Client Resource Guide

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When facing the possibility of litigation, preparation is critical. This guide outlines key steps and documents to gather before filing a claim or responding to one. Proper preparation helps ensure your legal team can represent you effectively and efficiently.

## **Key Steps:**

- Gather all relevant contracts, agreements, and amendments.
- Collect communications (emails, letters, text messages) related to the dispute.
- Organize financial records, invoices, and payment histories.
- Preserve evidence: avoid deleting or altering documents, files, or digital data.
- Identify key witnesses and their potential testimony.
- Prepare a timeline of events leading up to the dispute.
- Review insurance policies for potential coverage of claims or defense costs.
- Estimate potential damages or financial exposure.
- Consult with your attorney early to evaluate settlement and resolution strategies.
- Avoid direct communication with opposing parties once legal counsel is involved.

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