

Why Are There So Many Lawsuits

It is a commonly held belief that there are too many lawsuits in the United States. Whether it is fair or not, America is often called a litigious society. Litigation is an attempt by disputing parties to get an independent and impartial third party to settle their dispute. Typically, a judge and jury would hear each party's arguments and then decide who is right or wrong.

There are many reasons people file lawsuits. They sue in an attempt "to right" a perceived wrong done to them or to society (i.e., class action lawsuits). The lawsuit is an attempt by one party to get another party to either do or not do something. People often file lawsuits when they are upset and want to punish someone. Lawsuits are often used by businesses to stop or to slow down a competitor on the verge of getting an economic advantage. Lawsuits are sometimes used to acquire businesses or to destroy the competition. People file lawsuits to protect their interests, but don't blame the lawyers who are just the hired guns (i.e., hired help) brought in to handle the matter in this particular forum.

Most lawsuits are filed when the parties involved cannot agree on how to resolve a certain matter that has financial implications to them. This usually happens when one or more of the parties is trying to take more than they had put into the relationship.

When people try to take more than their "fair share" from a relationship. This applies to all types of relationships, including business contracts, partnerships, all types of business relationships and marriage. There would be less need for lawsuits and lawyers if people stopped litigating and started negotiating in good faith for an equitable resolution to the conflict. This would make for a more harmonious society, but then people like me would be out of a job, or maybe not.

