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Key Civil and Administrative Procedure Terminologies with Definitions

- 1. **Civil Procedure** *The set of rules governing the process for civil lawsuits in courts.*
- 2. Administrative Procedure Legal rules and processes that govern the activities of administrative agencies.
- 3. Jurisdiction The legal authority of a court to hear and decide a case.
- 4. **Competent Court** *A court that has the legal authority to hear a specific type of case.*
- 5. **Plaintiff** *The party who initiates a lawsuit before a court.*
- 6. **Defendant** *The party against whom a lawsuit is filed.*
- 7. Statement of Claim / Complaint

The formal written document submitted by the plaintiff to start legal proceedings.

8. Summons

A legal document notifying the defendant that a case has been filed and requiring them to appear in court.

9. Service of Process

The official delivery of legal documents to a party in a case.

10. Preliminary Hearing

A hearing before the trial to clarify issues and possibly resolve the case early.

11. Evidence

Information presented in court to prove or disprove facts at issue.

12. Burden of Proof

The obligation to prove one's assertion in a legal case.

13. Judgment

The final decision of a court regarding the rights and claims of the parties.

14. Appeal

A request made to a higher court to review and change the decision of a lower court.

15. Final Judgment

A court's decision that fully resolves the case and is binding unless appealed.

16. Enforcement of Judgment

Legal actions taken to ensure compliance with a court decision.

17. Injunction

A court order requiring a party to do or to refrain from doing a specific act.

18. Default Judgment

A judgment entered against a party who fails to appear or respond to a legal action.

19. Court Clerk

An officer of the court responsible for maintaining court records and assisting with administrative duties.

20. Amicable Settlement

A resolution of a dispute agreed upon by both parties without a trial.

21. Cassation Appeal

A legal challenge to a judgment before the Supreme Court based on legal errors.

22. Public Administration

Government agencies subject to administrative procedures and judicial review.

23. Judicial Review

The process by which courts examine the actions of public authorities to ensure legality.

24. Interlocutory Decision

A temporary or intermediate ruling made by a court during the course of a trial.

25. Procedural Nullity

The invalidity of a legal act due to failure to follow procedural rules.