

Litigation Finance 101

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Today's Program

- **Introduction to Litigation Funding**
 - What it is
 - Why it's useful
 - How it works
- **Ethical Issues (or Non-Issues)**
 - Champerty/Maintenance
 - Usury
 - Confidentiality
 - Conflicts of Interest
 - Fee Splitting

Introduction to Litigation Funding

What Is Litigation Funding?

- **A way for a plaintiff to:**
 - Fund some or all the fees/costs of a meritorious claim
 - Monetize some or all the value of a meritorious claim
- **A way for a law firm to:**
 - De-risk contingent fee arrangements
 - Secure working capital collateralized by future contingent fees

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What Is Litigation Funding?

- **Key features**
 - Non-recourse
 - Available at any stage of the claim
 - Customized financing terms
 - Available across subject areas
- **Litigation funding is *not*:**
 - Legal representation
 - A loan

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