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Meaning of Dominus Litis

The Latin maxim 'Dominus Litis' translates to 'master of the suit', signifying the plaintiff's primary control over litigation.



Plaintiff's Central Role

In civil litigation, the plaintiff determines key aspects of the case including:

- 1) whom to sue,
- 2) the cause of action,
- 3) and the relief sought.



Legal Significance

The principle emphasizes autonomy and strategic control of the plaintiff, subject to procedural law and judicial scrutiny.