

COLLECTING YOUR JUDGMENT

If you receive a judgment and you are not voluntarily paid, listed are methods of collection the law provides. (This is provided that the party is not indigent.)

Collecting Small Claims Judgments:

- If you receive a Judgment at the end of a contested trial, you must wait **ten days** prior to proceeding with collecting your judgment.
 - If you receive a Default judgment you may proceed immediately
 - If you receive a Consent Judgment, you must adhere to the terms of said Judgment.

Collecting Dispossessory Judgments:

- If you receive a judgment at the end of trial, you must wait **seven days** prior to proceeding with collecting your judgment.
 - If you receive a Default judgment you may proceed immediately.
 - If you receive a Consent Judgment, you must adhere to the terms of the judgment.

NOTICE: When the judgment is paid in full, it is the responsibility of the party who was awarded the judgment to satisfy the judgment and the Fi.Fa.

Collection Options:

Fiera Facias. (Fi.Fa.)

- The Fi.Fa. (Proof of your judgment), once issued, places a lien against the party who owes the judgment and any property he/she may own.
- The cost of issuing and recording the Fi.Fa. on the General Execution Docket is set forth by the Georgia State Legislative body and is subject to change.
- You may also take your Fi.Fa. and have it recorded in any county in Georgia.
- If you need to record your Fi.Fa. outside the State of Georgia, you should consult an attorney.

Post-Judgment Interrogatories

- Set of written questions to discover information to help you collect the judgment

Garnishment (Wage or Bank)

- Wage Garnishments are filed against the losing party's paycheck and are filed in the county where the employer is located.
- Bank Garnishments are filed against the losing party's bank account and are filed in the county in which the bank is located
- Copy of the judgment is required if the judgment was rendered outside of Cobb County.

Levy against Real and Personal Property

- This process is started with a Fi.Fa. Since the Fi.Fa. is your proof of having a judgment, the Sheriff will require the Fi.Fa. to levy against any personal property.
- If you want to levy against real property, you should consult an attorney

Attorney or Collection Agency

- You may also elect to turn your judgment over to an attorney or collection agency for collection

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