



# Quick Resource Guides: Collecting/Enforcing a Judgment

## How to:

### California Courts

#### Civil Case Law Basics:

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit>

#### Self-Help Center: Collecting your small claims judgment

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/small-claims/after-trial/if-you-win>

#### How to collect a judgment (civil suits):

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit/judgment/how-collect>

### Alameda County Self-Help Center:

#### Collecting your Small Claims Judgment

<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/general/collecting-your-judgment-122223.pdf>

## Forms:

#### Filling out your Forms

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit/plaintiff/fill-out-forms>

#### California Court Self-Help Center: How to get a debtor's examination

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit/judgment/collect/ask-debtor-exam>

#### How to get a writ of execution

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit/judgment/collect/writ-execution>

#### How to put a lien on someone's property

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit/judgment/collect/lien>

#### How to add costs and interest to what is owed

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit/judgment/collect/add-costs>

#### How to renew a judgment

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/civil-lawsuit/judgment/renew>

## Library Books:

#### Matthew Bender practice guide: California debt collection and enforcement of judgments.

KFC1065 .C6 M38, shelf 116B

#### California practice guide: enforcing judgments and debts.

KFC1065 .A9 E5, shelf 116B

#### Enforcing civil money judgments: here's how and when to do it.

KFC995 .A1 C34, shelf 108B

#### How to collect when you win a lawsuit in California.

KFC1065 .Z9 S38 2016, shelved at the reference desk.

## Videos

### From the Sacramento County Law Library

- Enforcement of Judgments: Introduction

<https://saclaw.org/video-library/enforcement-of-judgments-1-introduction/>

- **Enforcement of Judgments 2: Determine Amount Owed**  
<https://saclaw.org/video-library/enforcement-of-judgments-2-determine-amount-owed/>
- **Enforcement of Judgments: Finding Assets (Debtor's Exam)**  
<https://saclaw.org/video-library/enforcement-of-judgments-3-finding-assets-debtors-exam/>
- **Enforcement of Judgments 4a: Choose Your Weapon(s)**  
<https://saclaw.org/video-library/enforcement-of-judgments-4a-choose-your-weapons/>
- **Enforcement of Judgments 4b: Handling Claims of Exemption**  
<https://saclaw.org/video-library/enforcement-of-judgments-4b-handling-claims-of-exemption/>

## Free Legal Help

### Alameda County Court Self-Help Center

You can contact the Self-Help Center for help in the following ways:

#### LiveChat

- Monday-Thursday, 9AM-12PM
- They may stop taking chats before the stated hours once they reach capacity.

#### Phone

- Call: (510) 272-1393, Mon-Thurs, 2PM-4PM
- Voicemails can only be left during phone hours. Messages are returned within 5 business days.

The Self-Help Center does not take walk-in patrons, but you may make an appointment to talk to someone in person. Contact the SHC via phone or chat to make an appointment.

#### Self-Help Center Information

- <https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/self-help>
- [English flyer: bit.ly/42NAXRj](#) | [Folleto Español: bit.ly/3WLUjsz](#)

### Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program (CLASP)

[CLASP offers a monthly, free clinic open to the public.](#) This phone clinic occurs on the first Saturday of the month. Volunteer attorneys meet with individuals for 15–20-minute phone consultations.

<https://lawlibrary.acgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Virtual-CLASP-Flyer.pdf>

## Hire an Attorney

### Alameda County Bar Association Attorney Referral Service

<https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/>

Receive a match with a carefully pre-screened local lawyer qualified to help you with your legal needs. There is a \$40 administrative fee, but the initial consultation with the attorney is free. If you want to hire the attorney, you will need to discuss that separately.

### BALI: Bay Area Legal Incubator

125 12<sup>th</sup> St. Oakland, CA Mezzanine Level

Affordable legal services. Some attorneys offer sliding scale fees. In-take form available on website, and you can also read the profiles and get contact information for the BALI attorneys.

<https://www.bayarealegalincubator.org/>