

Judgment Execution: Getting the Judgment Debtor to Pay Restitution

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Imagine the following scenario: you sued someone in court, and you won. The court issued a judgment in your favor, entitling you to restitution. But where is your money? From your perspective, the judgment—without a legal process to back it up and get you the money you are owed—might seem like nothing more than just a piece of paper.

This is the kind of situation in which the law regarding judgment execution comes into play. Judgment execution is the legal process of carrying out the court's judgment or putting that judgment into effect. Alaska law has multiple sets of rules governing judgment execution. This process is how you actually get the money or property to which the judgment entitles you.

Alaska's laws on judgment execution include rules about what is subject to execution, rules regarding what execution documents must be filed with the court, rules governing what information the execution documents must contain, and rules requiring notice to the judgment debtor (the party who owes restitution to you, the judgment creditor). These rules are specific and detailed. Other Alaska laws regarding specific types of property impact how execution must be conducted regarding those particular types of property. The relatively large number of rules, the fact that the rules are found in multiple different parts of the law and are not grouped together in a way that makes reference easy, the complexity of the rules, how the rules interact with and reference each other, and the analytical planning, organization, and multi-step procedure for executing on a judgment—all these factors make judgment execution a potentially difficult and confusing process.

One thing that can help you in navigating that process is the court system resource website. The Alaska court system website contains a few noteworthy resources, including a [webpage](#) explaining in detail how to collect money owed to you and a published [Judgment Creditor Booklet](#) that provides detailed information about the judgment execution process (there is also a [Judgment Debtor Booklet](#), in case you want to see the opposing perspective of judgment execution). The Alaska court's website also contains [forms](#) that you will likely need to use in executing a judgment. If you are up to the task of wading through all this information and putting in the time and effort, you may be able to complete the judgment execution process by working directly with the court.

You may want to hire an attorney to represent you in the judgment execution process so you do not have to negotiate the twists and turns of the judgment execution rules by yourself. The facts specific to your situation heavily impact which rules apply and how judgment execution happens, and you will not be successful if you do not apply the right rules, so you may benefit greatly from the help of a knowledgeable attorney. If you want assistance with judgment execution in your case, please feel free to call CSG, Inc., Attorneys at Law, at (907) 452-1855, and set up a consultation to discuss your situation. We would be glad to help you.