

# YOU ARE NOW A “JUDGMENT HOLDER”

## Now What?

This Judgment resolves all disputes concerning the basis of Plaintiff’s Claim and converts that Claim to legal fact. Plaintiffs who are not represented by legal counsel are unaware of their rights as Judgment holders. You are free to pursue any of the following measures to collect Judgment.

- A. You may garnish the Defendant’s wages if they are employed. Bank Accounts may also be garnished. If the Debtor is employed outside of this County, you may need to obtain a Fi Fa from this Court and take it to a Court having Jurisdiction over the garnishee, where upon that Court will initiate the garnishment action.
- B. You may have a Fi Fa issued upon the Judgment commanding the proper law enforcement Officers to levy upon enough of the Debtor’s property to satisfy the debt. Property so levied upon will be sold at public auction before the Courthouse after being advertised for the proper time. There will be certain ‘Costs’ deducted from the sales revenue to compensate the agency conducting the sale.
- C. It is recommended that you have a Fi Fa issued and recorded in the General Execution Docket of the Clerk of the Superior Court in any County in which the Debtor may own property. When so recorded, the Judgment becomes a lien upon the property for seven (7) years and it may be renewed for additional seven-year period. Recording the Fi Fa may be done in addition to either of the other actions shown above.
- D. Within these three basics ‘collection efforts’ is flexibility. You should consult an Attorney for any legal questions or if you are having difficulty collecting on a judgment.

**REMEMBER, you must initiate the actions show above. They are not automatically done for you just because you now hold judgment.**

- THE CLERKS, CONSTABLES AND THE COURT CAN NOT GIVE ANY LEGAL ADVICE
- IF YOU NEED TO SEEK FURTHER LEGAL ACTION, PLEASE CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY TO SEE WHAT OTHER OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU.

It currently costs \$95 to file a GARNISHMENT in Sumter County, GA

It currently costs \$29 to have a Fi Fa issued in Sumter County, GA