

# Small Claims

## Research Guide

Small Claims Court – Used to collect small sums of money, to obtain the return of property valued less than \$5,000, or to enforce a contractual agreement where the value of the contract is less than \$5,000. This guide provides a list of Law Library resources, and internet links, to assist those who wish to learn about the law regarding Small Claims actions.

### ◆ Resources in the Law Library

The following resources are available at the Daytona Beach and DeLand Law Libraries:

- Florida Causes of Action , James Publishing
- Florida Civil Procedure Set (5 Volumes), Lexis Publishing
- Florida Civil Practice Before Trial, Florida Bar
- Florida Civil Trial Practice, Florida Bar
- Florida County Court Practice, Revere Publishing
- How to Win in Small Claims Court, Sphinx Publishing

### ◆ Statutes

- Florida Statutes: Jurisdiction of the County Courts – Florida Statutes §34.01 – §34.191  
<http://law.onecle.com/florida/judicial-branch/34.041.html>
- All Florida Statutes may be viewed online at - [www.leg.state.fl.us](http://www.leg.state.fl.us)

### ◆ Online Resources

- Florida Rules of Court – Small Claims  
[http://www.floridabar.org/TFB/TFBResources.nsf/Attachments/5E3D51AF15EE8DCD85256B29004BFA62/\\$FILE/Small%20Claims.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.floridabar.org/TFB/TFBResources.nsf/Attachments/5E3D51AF15EE8DCD85256B29004BFA62/$FILE/Small%20Claims.pdf?OpenElement)
- Florida Small Claims Court – Florida State Court link  
[http://www.flcourts.org/gen\\_public/family/self\\_help/smallclaims.shtml](http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/self_help/smallclaims.shtml)
- Florida Small Claims Information  
[http://www.consumeraffairs.com/consumerism/small\\_fl.html](http://www.consumeraffairs.com/consumerism/small_fl.html)
- The Volusia County Clerk of the Court provides some information and basic forms relating to small claims actions that may be reviewed online at  
<http://www.clerk.org/html/forms.html>
- Volusia County Law Library Catalog – Link for a list of Summary/Small Claims books available in the Law Library  
<http://www.vclawlib.org/new/catalog/summary-travellaw.html>

**IT IS ALWAYS ADVISABLE TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY FOR ANY LEGAL ACTION. IF YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE.**

Filing and service fees may apply. Contact the Clerk of the Court for fees and court costs.