

AFTER JUDGMENT INFORMATION SHEET

If neither party has filed an appeal within 21 calendar days from the date judgment was signed, other remedies for collecting money owed are available. There is no specific order that you must follow when choosing an option listed below.

ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT: (Cost for issuance is \$5.00) May be filed after the expiration of 10 days from the date judgment was signed. This document is used to place a lien against any real property (real estate) owned by the defendant. It is valid for ten (10) years and is renewable at the expiration of ten years. Plaintiff will receive the original abstract of judgment. Plaintiff must file the original document with the "County Clerk's" office in any county defendant owns or may own real property for this document to be effective. Plaintiff may file this document in as many counties as necessary. Check with the County Clerk's office for filing fees and procedures.

WRIT OF EXECUTION: (Cost for issuance is \$5.00 and service fee is \$150.00) This document may be filed after the expiration of 30 days from the date judgment was signed. This document enables the proper Constable/Sheriff's department to seize non-exempt property for public sale. Proceeds from the public sale will be used to satisfy Plaintiff's judgment. The officer may collect payment from the defendant, on plaintiff's behalf, at this time. A list of property exemptions can be found in the Texas Property Code. Plaintiff may choose to file this document as many times as necessary until judgment is satisfied.

FORCIBLE DETAINER SUITS– WRIT OF POSSESSION: (Cost for issuance is \$5.00 and service is \$150.00) This document may be filed if the defendant has not submitted an appeal within 5 calendar days after judgment was signed and has not vacated the premises. This document allows for the defendant to be forcibly removed from the premises. As the Plaintiff, you may be responsible for securing a bonded moving company and a bonded storage company for the defendant's possessions. The constable's office will contact the plaintiff after notice of this writ has been given to the defendant. You may direct any questions or comments concerning this matter to the Constable's office.

THIS FORM IS FOR YOUR GENERAL USE. OUR OFFICE DOES NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE. YOU MAY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS OTHER REMEDIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE CONCERNING YOUR LAWSUIT.