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If you win your case, the money the court awards you is the *Judgment*. You are the *Judgment Creditor*. The person or entity that owes you money is the *Judgment Debtor*. If you do not know what assets the Debtor has, you can ask for a *Judgment Debtor Hearing*. At the Judgment Debtor Hearing, you can ask questions about the Debtor's job, bank account, home, car, and other assets. This information helps you decide where to send the Sheriff to collect your Money (see "*Writ of Execution*").

During the Judgment Debtor Hearing, you can also examine a third-party that has specific financial information about the Judgment Debtor's Finances. For example, a real estate broker would have information on commissions owed to a real estate agent working under his license.

What Information the Debtor May be Required to bring to the Hearing:

- Driver License
- Social Security Card
- Marriage Certificate
- Name & Address of Employer
- Most Recent Paycheck Receipts or Stubs
- All Bank Account Statements
- All Real Estate Deeds for Property Owned by the Debtor

Note: to order the Judgment Debtor to bring this information, it must be detailed in the *Subpoena*.

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Getting a Subpoena:

We will prepare a Subpoena Duces Tecum that orders the Judgment Debtor to bring financial information to the Judgment Debtor Hearing.

What if the Judgment Debtor Lives Far Away:

If the Judgment Debtor lives more than 150 Miles away from the Court where the Judgment was entered, it is a requirement to request a hearing at a Court in the County where the Judgment Debtor lives.

The Judgment Debtor Hearing:

At the hearing, you can question the Debtor about his/her job, bank account, home, car, and other assets. The hearing is not recorded, so be prepared to write down the information you get. *You can also ask the Judge to have the Judgment Debtor empty their pockets and you can take any cash they brought with them to the hearing!!*

After the Hearing:

The information gained at the Judgment Debtor Hearing can be used to have the Sheriff collect your judgment. If you did not get information that will help you collect your money, you can try again. You are allowed to ask for a Judgment Debtor hearing every 120 days.

If the Judgment Debtor Fails to Appear for the Judgment Debtor Hearing:

If the Judgment Debtor fails to appear, you can ask the Judge to issue a bench warrant. A bench warrant orders the Judgment Debtor to contact the court to schedule a new hearing or the bench warrant will not be recalled by the court. You must pay the Sheriff a fee to issue the bench warrant.

ABOUT OUR MANAGING PARTNER

Mr. Steven Mueller is a Lawyer, Co-Founder & Senior Managing Partner of **Syndicate Legal Services** (www.SteveMuellerLegal.com). Mr. Mueller has more than twenty-five years of Law Office experience, including (but not limited to) 20 years of experience in Corporate & Investment Banking Law; 15 years of experience in Civil Litigation; 5 years of experience in person injury law, family law, and employment law; and 3 years of experience in Criminal Defense Law.

Mr. Mueller is a true pioneer in the Private and Public Capital Markets industry with more than twenty years of industry experience. Mr. Mueller has extensive experience in Alternative Trading Systems and Stock Exchange Legal & Compliance, structuring private and public securities offerings, and coordinating both public and private securities offerings through a syndicate network of FINRA Registered Broker Dealers, Investment Banks and Registered Investment Advisors. As of today, Mr. Mueller has participated approximate 200 IPOs and Rule 144A Equity Offerings, and nearly 2,500 capital markets transactions.

In addition, Mr. Mueller has completed the following courses: BA in Corporate Finance w/ Minor in Accounting (South Carolina); Law School (California Southern Law School); Three Years Law Office Study Program (LA Law, Beverly Hills); Paralegal & Advanced Paralegal Studies Certificates; FINRA series 6, 65 & 7; California Insurance (Property & Casualty, Life & Health, Commercial, Annuity, Earthquake, Flood & Long-Term Care); California Real Estate Sales; California Residential Mortgage; and California Bail Bonds. Mr. Mueller is also a United States Marine Corps Veteran (95-99, honorable discharge after completion of 4yr. tour of duty).



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