

Report card

of the Small Claims Courts System

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STATE

STATE	Dollar Limit 30%	Injunctive Relief 10%	Help with Collecting a Judgment 10%	Small Claims Advisors 10%	Extended Courtroom Hours 10%	Guides & Simplified Forms 10%	Low Filing Fees (for \$1,000 claim) 5%	Encourages Self-Representation 5%	Uses Mediation 10%	Overall Grade 100%
ALABAMA	C	A	F	F	F	A	C	C	D	C-
ALASKA	B	A	F	F	F	A	B	C	B	C
ARIZONA	D	A	F	F	F	A	B	A	C	C-
ARKANSAS	B	F	F	F	F	B	B	A	F	C-
CALIFORNIA	B	A	F	A	B	A	B	A	C	B
COLORADO	B	D	F	F	B	A	B	A	D	C
CONNECTICUT	C	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	B	C-
D.C.	B	F	F	A	A	A	A	F	A	B-
DELAWARE	NO SMALL CLAIMS COURT									INCOMPLETE
FLORIDA	B	A	F	F	F	A	F	C	A	C
GEORGIA	NO SMALL CLAIMS COURT									INCOMPLETE
HAWAII	C	F	F	F	F	A	B	C	A	C-
IDAHO	C+	F	F	C	F	A	C	A	D	C-
ILLINOIS	B	F	F	F	F	A	F	F	D	D
INDIANA	C	F	F	F	F	B	B	C	D	D
IOWA	C+	F	F	F	F	A	B	C	C	C-
KANSAS	F	F	F	F	F	A	C	A	D	F
KENTUCKY	F	C	F	F	F	B	B	C	F	F
LOUISIANA	C	A	F	F	F	B	F	C	F	C-
MAINE	C+	F	F	F	F	A	C	C	B	C-
MARYLAND	D	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	C	D
MASSACHUSETTS	D	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	F	D
MICHIGAN	C	F	F	F	F	C	C	A	F	D
MINNESOTA	B	F	F	F	F	A	B	A	D	C-
MISSISSIPPI	NO SMALL CLAIMS COURT									INCOMPLETE
MISSOURI	C	F	F	F	F	A	B	C	F	D
MONTANA	C	F	F	F	F	A	A	A	C	C-
NEBRASKA	D	A	F	F	F	A	A	A	D	C-
NEVADA	B	F	F	F	F	C	C	C	D	D
NEW JERSEY	D	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	A	D
NEW HAMPSHIRE	B	F	F	F	F	A	B	F	F	D
NEW MEXICO	A	F	F	F	F	B	F	F	C	C-
NEW YORK	C	F	F	F	C	A	A	C	C	C-
NORTH CAROLINA	C+	F	F	F	F	A	C	C	B	C-
NORTH DAKOTA	B	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	F	C-
OHIO	C	F	F	F	F	C	B	F	D	D
OKLAHOMA	C+	F	F	F	F	B	C	C	C	D
OREGON	B	F	F	F	F	A	C	A	C	C-
PENNSYLVANIA	B+	F	F	F	F	C	C	C	F	D
RHODE ISLAND	F	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	F	F
SOUTH CAROLINA	NO SMALL CLAIMS COURT									INCOMPLETE
SOUTH DAKOTA	B	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	F	C-
TENNESSEE	A	C	F	F	F	B	F	F	D	C-
TEXAS	B	F	F	F	F	C	C	C	C	C-
UTAH	B	F	F	F	F	A	C	C	D	C-
VERMONT	C	F	F	F	F	A	C	C	B	C-
VIRGINIA	F	F	F	F	F	A	B	A	D	F
WASHINGTON	C+	F	F	F	F	A	B	A	D	C-
WEST VIRGINIA	B	F	F	F	F	A	C	C	F	C-
WISCONSIN	B	F	F	F	F	A	F	C	C	C-
WYOMING	C	F	F	F	F	A	A	C	D	D