

Report card

of the Small Claims Courts System



NEW YORK

Overall Grade:

C-

Dollar Limit	C
Injunctive Relief	F
Help with Collecting A Judgement	F
Small Claims Advisors	F
Extended Courtroom Hours	C
Guides & Simplified Forms	A
Low Filing Fees	A
Encourages Self-Representation	C
Uses Mediation	C
Overall Grade	C-

About New York's Small Claims Court

- Tied in rank for 13th out of 47 jurisdictions with small claims courts.
- With a dollar limit of \$3,000, only nine states have lower dollar limits.
- One of the least expensive places to bring a small claims case, with an average filing fee of \$10, which includes service of the complaint on defendants.
- One of six jurisdictions in which one of the ten surveyed counties offered extended courtroom hours.
- While New York does not mandate mediation, most of its counties offer a free optional mediation program.
- Half of the counties surveyed in New York offer extended courtroom hours.

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