

# SMALL CLAIMS

## RESEARCH GUIDE

### OVERVIEW

Small Claims Court is used to collect money, or to obtain the return of property valued less than \$8,000, or to enforce a contractual agreement where the value of the contract is less than \$8,000. 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.

**Ask your librarian for additional resources.**

### RESOURCES IN THE VOLUSIA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

Listed below are some resources available at the Daytona Beach and DeLand branches:

1. How to Win in Small Claims Court, Mark Warda, Sphinx Publishing
2. Florida Causes of Action, Marc A. Wites, James Publishing
3. Florida Civil Procedure, Juan Ramirez, Jr., Lexis Publishing
4. Florida Civil Practice Before Trial, The Florida Bar

### ONLINE RESOURCES

- [Florida Statutes Chapter 34 - County Courts](#)
- [Florida Rules of Court - Small Claims Rules](#)
- [The Florida Bar Consumer Pamphlet: Small Claims](#)
- [Florida Small Claims Court](#) – Florida State Court link
- [Small Claims Forms](#) – The Volusia County Clerk of the Court provides some information and basic forms relating to small claims actions.

**NOTICE:** This research guide is based on information gathered from the resources cited above. For more information on this or other legal topics visit the nearest branch of the Volusia County Law Library.

**IF YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE. Remember:** Check with the Clerk of the Court for filing fees/court costs.