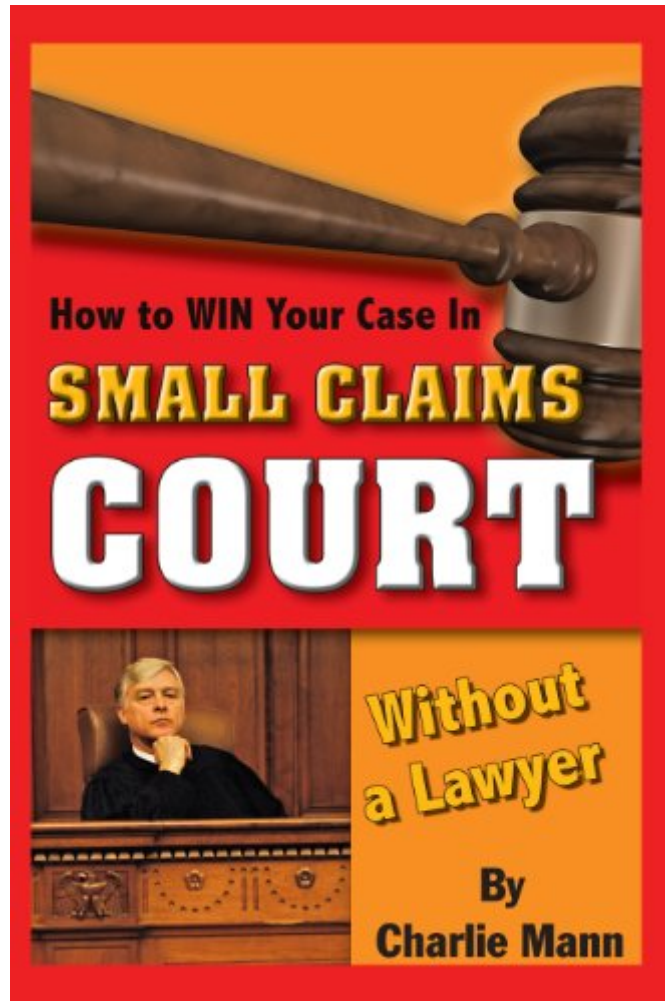


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# How To Win Your Case In Small Claims Court Without A Lawyer



## Synopsis

Small claims court is a place where some look to level the playing field against individuals, businesses, or partnerships that have wronged them in the past. Thousands of Americans end up there each year. Many people cannot afford the cost of a lawyer to ensure a solid case and as a result, are left out in the cold. Small claims courts are not nearly as simple as those television judges make it seem: fixing problems in 30 minutes on dramatized shows. If you are not fully prepared with the right paperwork, evidence, and witnesses, you may end up worse off than before. With this comprehensive guide, you will get a complete run-through of everything you need to know before you submit your case to court. The book includes a checklist of things you need to look for before filing a claim, information on how the courts work, and all of the legal jargon that will be thrown during the process. You will learn how to state a claim in formal documents and ultimately whether your case has a chance of winning before you file. Different approaches to more than 15 different kinds of small claims cases are provided, including breaches of contract, property damage, personal injury, defective products, breaches of warranty, and nuisance claims. The limitations on monetary compensation in small claims court are outlined for you, along with specific methods for how to calculate your own limit. You will learn how long you have to sue after an offense has occurred and how you can approach a settlement with the plaintiff outside of court. Different legal procedures for bringing legal action against individuals, couples, businesses, and corporations are provided. A detailed chapter about the various filing fees, needed court papers, and court schedules is also provided in this comprehensive book. Based on hours of interviews with small claims court lawyers and successful defendants, an outline of the process is also included with information on how to get ready for court, prepare your witnesses, and what you can expect on the day you are to be in court. You will learn the difference between various judgments and what options you have after a verdict is reached. For anyone looking into the option of taking legal action against a person or business, this book is a necessary resource that will ensure you are both fully educated and prepared for the process. Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company president's garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and case studies with expert advice. Every book has resources, contact information, and web sites of the products or companies discussed. This Atlantic Publishing eBook

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This is the perfect step-by-step book on what to do if you think you have a case that you want to take to small claims court. It starts with basic definitions of what a small claims court is, what types of cases are usually tried there and advice on how to know if you have a sound case or not. It is broken into chapters, each addressing a key issue involved with going to small claims court. The first few chapters include what you will need to do to prepare for small claims court. There are many good examples of "demand letters" which is the first step in beginning the process of going to small claims court. The author also includes many good resources that you can use to help determine if you actually need to go to small claims court. Subsequent chapters deal with many special issues, such as what types of things can go wrong in court, such as countersuits and counterclaims. The

author examines an exhaustive list of the types of cases that can be brought to small claims court, very helpful if you aren't sure if you even have a case or not. The author goes through how to get organized for court, including how to budget your time and what kind of paperwork you will need to have prepared. Next topics such as: problems that arise before your court date, preparing for the actual day in court, how to select an expert witness, and what to do if you lose your case are discussed. The appendices are extremely helpful. There is a glossary of terms which covers pretty much any word that you may need to know in reference to small claims court. The appendices also include a state by state listing of the most important information for each state's small claims court.

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