

# Child Support Liens Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on child support liens. A child support lien “can be placed on properties, bank accounts, retirement plans, and other assets held by the non-paying parent” to enforce payment of child support (*Texas Law Help*). The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

*Related guides: Child Support, Garnishment, Judgment Lien, Enforcement and Contempt, Release of Lien*

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 31 Judgments  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.31.htm>

Texas Family Code

- Ch. 157 Enforcement Subchapter G. Child Support Lien  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.157.htm#G>

Texas Property Code

- Ch. 52 Judgment Lien  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.52.htm>

## Secondary Resources in Print

### **Texas Forms: Pleading and Practice REF KFT 1730 .A65 T482**

- Vol. 9A, § 184:21 Child Support Liens
- Vol. 9A, § 184:23 Checklist—Matters to include in drafting notice of child-support lien
- Vol. 9A, § 184:93-94 Notice of Child-Support Lien
- Vol. 9A, § 184:95 Release of child support lien
- Vol. 9A, § 184:96 Partial release of child support lien

### **Texas Practice Series REF KFT 1280 .T4**

- Vol. 33, § 18:22 Enforcement—Child support lien and foreclosure
- Vol. 33, § 29:24 Child support/alimony

### **O’ Connor’s Texas Family Law Forms REF KFT 1294 A65 W55**

- Ch. 16G Child Support Lien

### **Texas Family Law Practice Manual REF KFT 1294 .T4S7**

- Vol. 2, Ch. 33 Enforcement—Child Support

### **Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure REF KFT 1294 .F35**

- Vol. 3, Task J5 Enforcing Child Support Through Child Support Lien

### **Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4**

- Vol. 3, Ch. 42 Garnishment
- Vol. 23, Ch. 372 Enforcement of SAPCR Orders §372.06[9] Child Support Lien – Release of Lien

### **Locked Out: A Texas Legal Guide to Reentry KFT 9747 L63**

- Child Support Arrears, Pages 51, 136, 139, 141, 143-146, 149

## CLE Materials

### Advanced Family Law KFT 1294 .S83

- 2021 Vol. 1, Ch. 6 Child Support: Beyond the Basics
- 2020 Vol. 1, Ch. 6 Folsom Prison Blues: Enforcement with Contempt

## Online Resources

Child Support Liens (Texas Attorney General)

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support/get-started/all-child-support-forms>

Child Support Liens (DivorceNet)

<https://www.divorcenet.com/states/texas/txart24>

Child Support Liens (Attorney Blog)

<https://www.divorceattorneydallas.pro/blog/child-support-liens/>

Enforcing Your Support Orders on Your Own (Texas Law Help)

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/enforcing-your-child-support-orders-on-your-own>

Property Liens for Unpaid Child Support (NOLO)

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/property-liens-unpaid-child-support.html>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)