

Dormant Judgments Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on dormant judgments. A dormant judgment is “a judgment that has not been executed or enforced within the statutory time limit. As a result, any judgment lien may have been lost and execution cannot be issued unless the judgment creditor first revives the judgment.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) 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.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 31 Judgments §31.006 Revival of Judgment <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.31.htm#31.006>
- Ch. 34 Execution on Judgments §34.001 No Execution Dormant Judgment <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.34.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Forms Pleading and Practice REF KFT 1730 .A65

- Vol. 7 §113:4 Effect of Dormant Judgment

Texas Jurisprudence III KFT 1265 .T48

- Vol. 48 §552 to §559 Dormant Judgments

McDonald & Carlson Texas Civil Practice REF KFT 1730 .M3

- Vol. 5 §31.6 Dormant Judgments

Texas Collections Manual REF KFT 1367 C6 T49

- Vol. 2 §27.16 Dormant Judgment
- Vol. 2 Form 27-8 Plaintiff’s Original Petition to Revive Judgment
- Vol. 2 Form 27-9 Judgment Reviving Dormant Judgment

CLE Materials

Collections and Creditors’ Rights Course KFT 1367 .C6C645

- 2012 Ch. 5: Procedure for Enforcing Foreign State, Federal and Foreign Judgments in Texas, Venue, Renewal and Revival of Judgments, Abstracting and Recording Judgments
- 2006 Ch. 13 Renewal and Revival of Judgments

Online Resources

Attorney blog: Zombie Judgments: Lack of Creditor’s Due Diligence is a Defense to a Revival [of] a Dormant Judgment <https://www.norredlaw.com/blog/2021/december/zombie-judgments-lack-of-creditors-due-diligence/>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About Debt Collection (NOLO) <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/frequently-asked-questions-faqs-about-debt-collection.html>

2015 Post Judgment Remedies: Tips for Litigators from a Creditors’ Rights Attorney (UT LAW CLE) <https://dbrownlaw.com/tips.pdf>

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