

Forms

- Usually just a starting point
- Types:
 - "Official" forms
 - Can't be changed
 - "Unofficial" forms
 - Can be changed
- Consider:
 - Jurisdiction
 - Category
 - Litigation
 - Transactional
 - Subject
- Be sure to look for the right kind in the right place

Don't just fill in the blanks! Your job as an attorney will be to negotiate the terms of the "unofficial" form on behalf of your client.



Official Form Unlikely you can change it

Step-by-Step Instructions

Apartment Lease Agreement

The following instructions will walk the reader through each provision of the above referenced documents to help them fully understand the terms of the Agreements.

✓ Introduction: Enter the full name of Landlord, full name of Tenant(s), and the date the Lease is being entered into (usually the move-in date). Keep in mind that the Tenants must have legal capacity to enter into a contractual agreement (they must be on "sound mind" and over 18 years of age). This Lease creates joint and several liability in the case of multiple tenants, which means that each tenant is entirely responsible for the provisions of this Lease, regardless of each tenants individual degree of wrongdoing.

Section 1: Leased Premises; Terms of Lease; etc.

✓ Section 1.1: Leased Premises. Enter the complete geographic address of the premises. Be as specific as possible. In certain states, failure to adequately describe the property, or the length or amount of the Lease can render the document invalid.

APARTMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

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Official Form? Unofficial Form? Probably will depend on your client's negotiating power

Original Term. This Lease shall commence on

Considerations

Jurisdiction

- National
 - West's Legal Forms
- Federal
 - Bender's Federal Practice Forms
- State
 - Florida JurForms Legal &Business

Category

- Litigation
 - Federal Procedural Forms
- Transactional
 - Southeast Transaction Guide

Subject

- Contracts
- Corporations
- Employment
- Environmental
- Family Law
- Immigration
- Property
- Securities
- Tax

Sources of Forms

- Lexis Advance Westlaw Bloomberg Law
- Law firm / company databank
- Client files
- Print
- Internet

(...maybe...beware!)







DIY Form Websites – Use Cautiously!

Legal Zoom https://www.legalzoom.com/legalforms/

Nolo https://store.nolo.com/products/free-forms-library

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Consider the time you will spend ensuring the form accurately reflects your jurisdiction's law vs. using a trusted source:

Print form book Government website

Subscription database Firm/company database

Forms on Government Websites

Federal Bankruptcy Forms uscourts.gov

B 410	Proof Of Claim
B 410A	Proof Of Claim, Attachment A
B 410S-1	Proof Of Claim, Supplement 1
B 410S-2	Proof Of Claim, Supplement 2

Florida Corporation Forms sunbiz.org

Resignation of Officers/Directors (PDF)
Resignation of a Registered Agent (PDF)
Change of a Registered Agent/Registered Office (PDF)
Statement of Withdrawal (PDF)

- Start with government website
 - Free
 - Generally downloadable
- Probably "official" forms
 - May be able to add critical information
 - Provides consistency for review by courts, department of state, etc.

Legislative & Administrative Forms

Legislative

Florida Statute § 766.1065 Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

A. I, _(Name of patient or authorized representative) [hereinafter "Patient"], authorize that _(Name of health care provider to whom the presuit notice is directed) and his/her/its insurer(s), self-insurer(s), and attorney(s), and the designated treating health care provider(s) listed below and his/her/its insurer(s), self-insurer(s), and attorney(s) may obtain and disclose (within the parameters set out below) the protected health information described below for the following specific purposes:

Administrative

Florida Administrative Code § 69J-123.002 Civil Remedy Notice

(1) The civil remedy notice required by section 624.155, F.S., shall be electronically submitted on Form DFS-10-363, "Civil Remedy Notice of Insurer Violation," (Effective 10-14-08), which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. The form shall be submitted to the Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Consumer Assistance, through the website at https://apps.fldfs.com/civilremedy. No fee is required.

Treatises & Form Books

Treatises

- Secondary source written by an expert about a particular subject
- May contain forms
- Benefit:
 - Get explanation & analysis of the law along with forms
- Example:
 - Florida Torts

Form Books

- Secondary source with primarily forms
- Minimal (if any) explanation about the law
- Benefit:
 - May provide more advanced forms
- Example:
 - Nichols Cyclopedia of Federal Procedure Forms

Law Library Research Guides www.law.miami.edu/iml/library/law-research-guides

- Subject Guide to Treatises & Looseleafs
- Florida Forms

Westlaw

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Handling Motor Vehicle Accident Cases:

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Lane's Goldstein Litigation Forms

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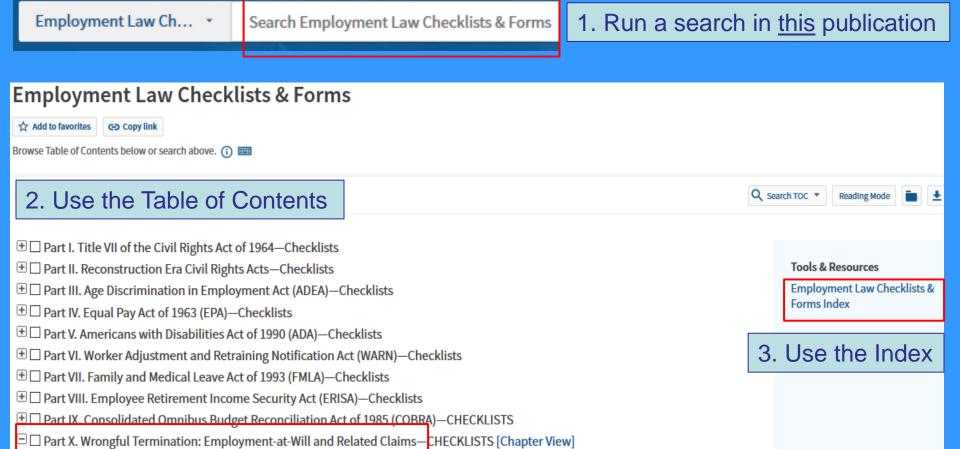
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Your client claims to have been wrongfully discharged from her job.

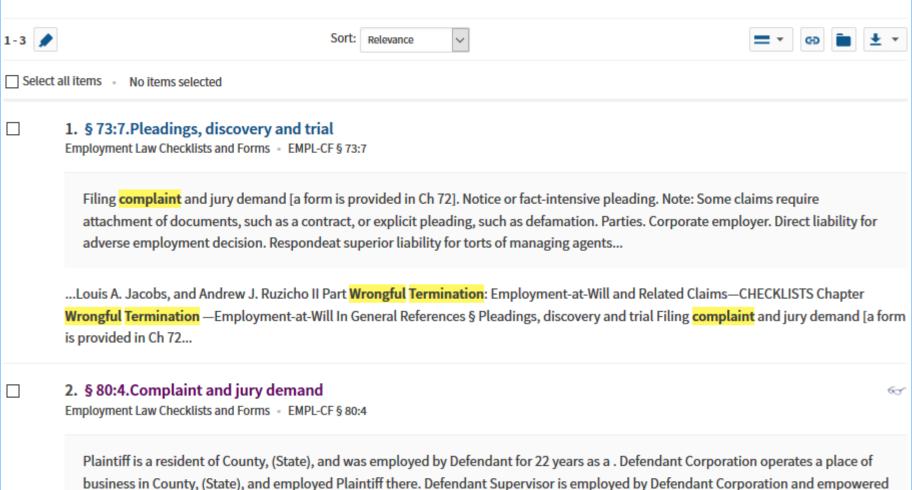
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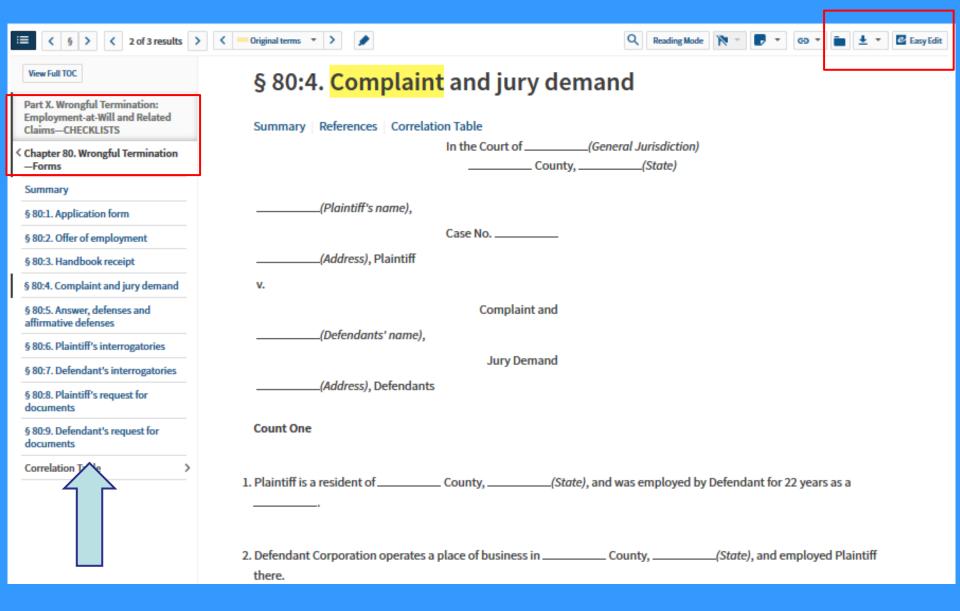
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Employment Law Checklists & Forms (3)

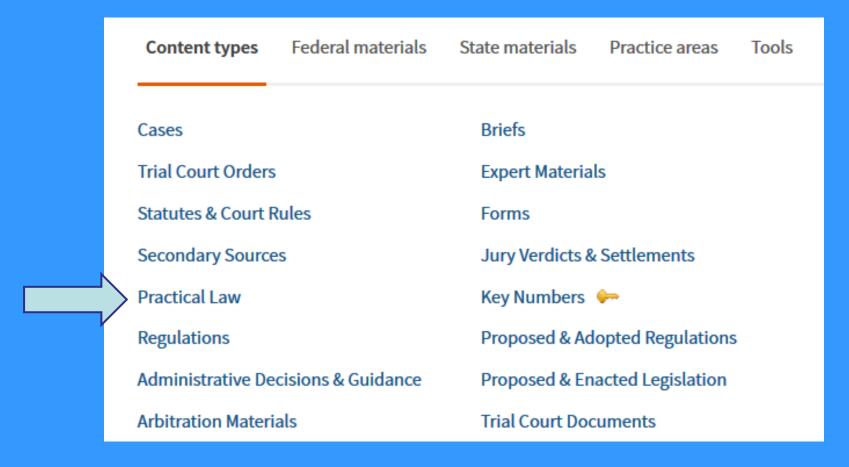


to make final corporate decisions regarding employment. Plaintiff was told on , 20,...



- "Unofficial"
- Not jurisdiction specific
- Possible state law research question: requesting bench trial vs. jury trial?

Practical Law (a separate database within Westlaw)



- Primarily transactional workflow documents
- Practical guidance by and for practicing attorneys
- Generally more advanced forms

As general counsel for a Texas company, you need to terminate your employee.

Westlaw → Practical Law → Practice Areas → Labor & Employment Forms by Topic → Labor & Employment → Termination, Layoffs & Plant Closings

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- ❖ 1st result:
 - Terminology separation vs. termination
 - Updated January 2020
- ❖ 2nd result:
 - Litigation related
 - Updated March 2020

Separation and Release of Claims Agreement (TX)

by Practical Law Labor & Employment

Law stated as of 16 Jan 2020 - Texas



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A Texas-compliant separation agreement (also commonly referred to as a severance agreement) between an employer and a departing employee specifying terms of the employee's separation from employment, including a release of legal claims against the employer in exchange for a benefit. This Standard Document is drafted in favor of the employer. It is based on Texas law and is intended for use with employees or businesses located in Texas. This Standard Document has integrated notes with important explanations and drafting tips.

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Create a first draft of this document by answering a series of questions written by Practical Law editors. Included in your Practical Law subscription.

Start drafting



Separation and Release of Claims Agreement (TX)

This Separation and Release of Claims Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between [EMPLOYER NAME], a [STATE OF INCORPORATION OR LOCATION] [TYPE OF ENTITY] (the "Employer"), [on behalf of itself, [its parent[s], subsidiaries, and other corporate affiliates,] and [its/each of their respective] [present and former] employees, officers, directors, owners, shareholders, and agents[, individually and in their official capacities] (collectively referred to as the "Employer Group")], and [EMPLOYEE NAME] (the "Employee")[, residing at [EMPLOYEE'S ADDRESS]] (the Employer and the Employee are collectively referred to as the "Parties") as of [DATE] (the "Execution Date").

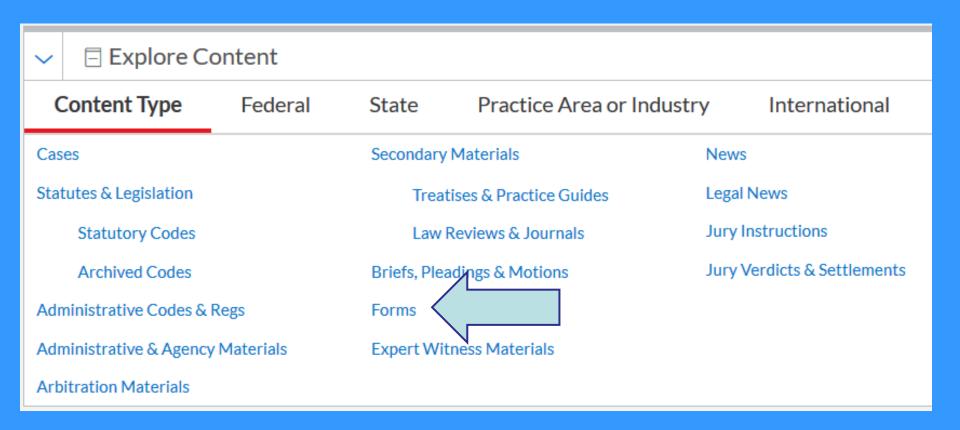


The Employee's last day of employment with the Employer [is/was] [DATE] (the "Separation Date"). After the Separation Date, the Employee will not represent [and has not represented] [himself/herself] as being an employee, officer, attorney,

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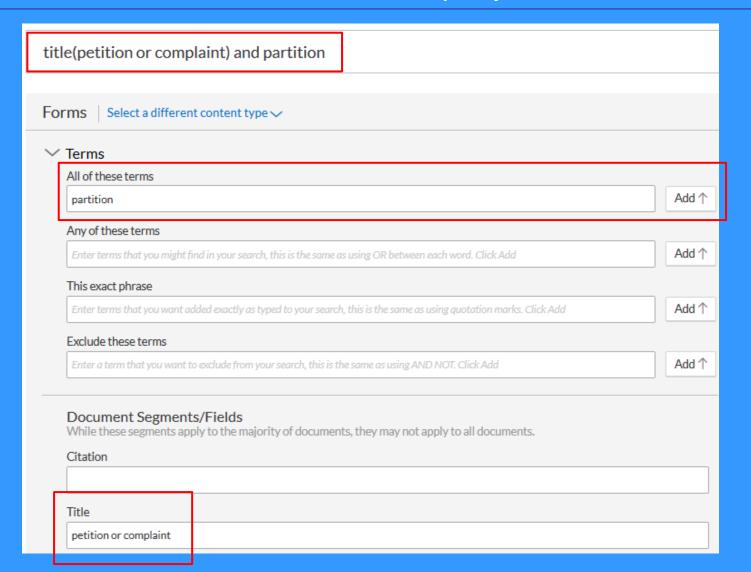
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Your client and his brother want to partition the farmland they own in Homestead, Florida.

Lexis → Forms → Florida → Real Property Law → Search Template



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Chapter 4 PARTITION > § 4.2. PROCEDURAL ISSUES > D. Complaint > 2. Form Of Complaint
prejudicial to the interests of Defendants. 7. The prosecution of this partition action is for the common benefit of Plaintiff and Defendants. Plaintiff VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR PARTITION Plaintiff, (name), by and through undersigned counsel, files this verified complaint for partition against (name) and sworn and says that he or she has read the Verified Complaint For Partition, and as to the facts stated to be true, they LexisNexis(R) Forms FORM 22754-4.2.1 4.2.1 Form Of Complaint Florida 1 Florida Real Property Litigation § 4.2 IN THE CIRCUIT (name) ("Defendants"), and alleges: 1. This is an action for partition of real property instituted under F.S. Chapter 64. 2. The real
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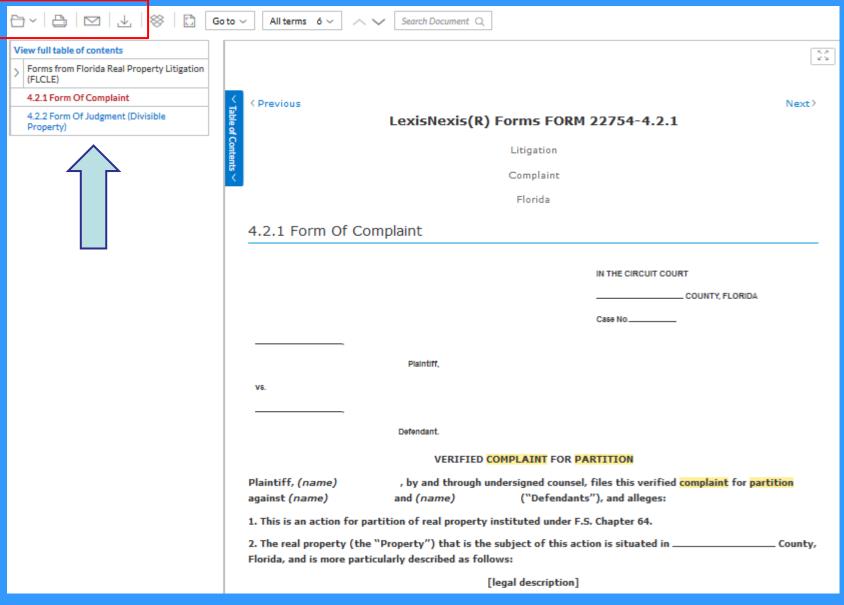
Your client and his brother want to partition the farmland they own in Homestead, Florida.

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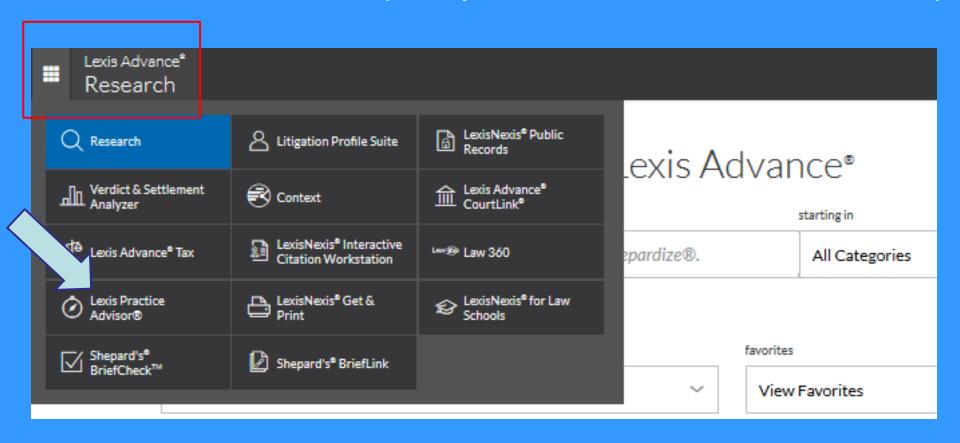
- Treatise with forms portion pulled out separately
- Could look at treatise for explanation & analysis

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- Jurisdiction specific
- Possible change to form: what if parties are adversaries?

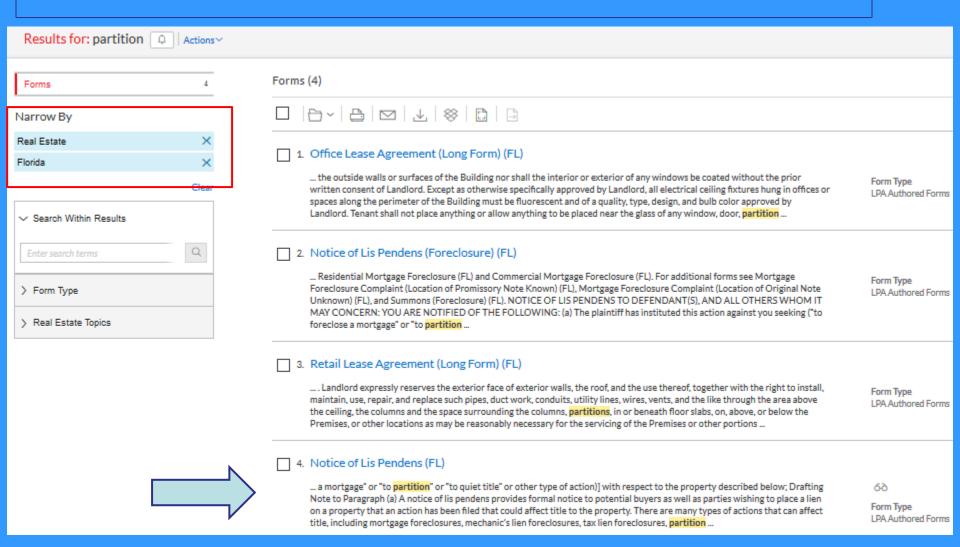
Practice Advisor (a separate database within Lexis)



- Workflow documents
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Your client's brother doesn't want to partition the property in Homestead, Florida.

Lexis → Practice Advisor → Practice Area → Real Estate → Content Type → Forms → Narrow to Florida → search: partition



Notice of Lis Pendens (FL)

Summary

Collapse all Drafting Notes

+ Expand all Clauses

NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE [name of circuit] JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

+ Alternate Clause

IN AND FOR [name of county], FLORIDA

[name of division] DIVISION

NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS

TO DEFENDANT(S) [name(s) of defendant(s)], AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

-Drafting Note

Drafting Note to Addressee Line

The notice should include the names of every person and/or entity with an interest in the property as defendants. After the lis pendens is recorded, the plaintiff's attorney should run a title search on the gap period covering the time between the last title search used to prepare the complaint and the date of recording the notice of lis pendens. If any parties acquire an interest in the property during this period, they should be joined as defendants in the action and the notice of lis pendens should be amended to add their names.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED OF THE FOLLOWING:

(a) The plaintiff has instituted this action against you seeking [describe type of action ("to foreclose a mortgage" or "to partition" or "to quiet title" or other type of action)] with respect to the property described below;

-Drafting Note

Drafting Note to Paragraph (a)

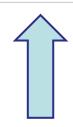
A notice of lis pendens provides formal notice to potential buyers as well as parties wishing to place a lien on a property that an action has been filed that could affect title to the property. There are

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- Annotated
- Many built-in tools

When using forms, ALWAYS remember...

- Forms are a <u>starting</u> place*
- One size does NOT fit all
- May need to combine one or more forms and/or add clauses
- Read final document for:
 - Completeness
 - Consistency

^{*} May not have leeway with official forms.

Any questions?



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