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Today's Webinar:

Building Payment Security with Preliminary Notices

June 19, 2018



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Securing Your Tomorrow

Agenda

- Mechanic's Lien Process
- Construction Credit
- Ladder of Supply
- Alternate Names, Time Frames and Variables
- The Effects of Notices
- Notice Considerations
- State Requirements

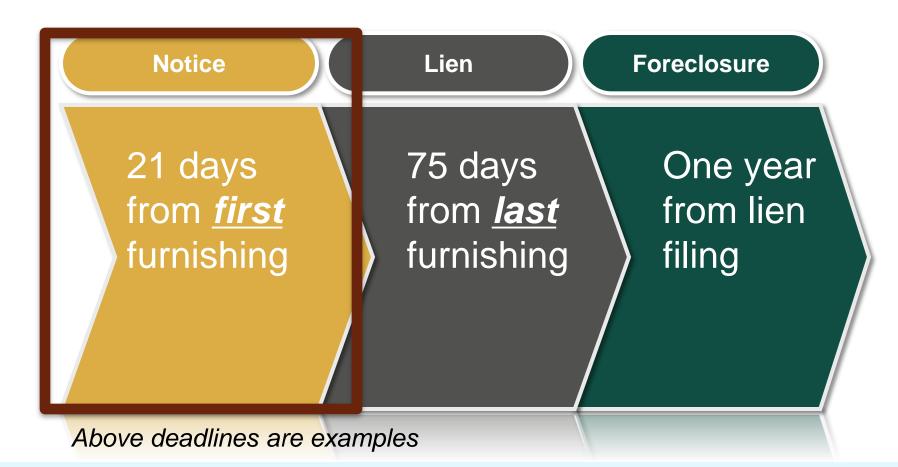


How Do You Justify the Credit?





Mechanic's Lien Filing Process: Three Steps





Notice to Owner or Preliminary Notice?



95% of the

time, when a preliminary notice (in any form) is served, payment is received without the need to perfect a lien.



Proven Strategies

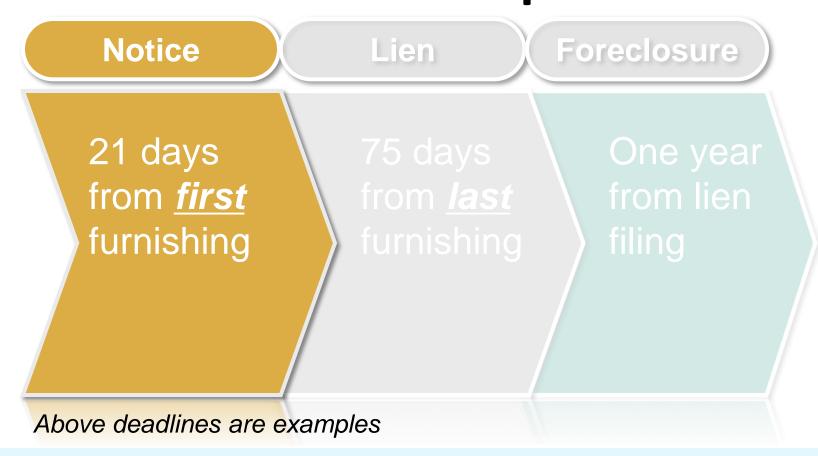


Improve Cash Flow

Improve Working

Capital

Mechanic's Lien Filing Process: Three Steps





Construction Credit

Construction **Public** Private Construction Construction Credit **LIENS BONDS Owner Owner** Corporation Federal Partnership State Individual Municipal Municipal Individual



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The following is required on all jobs where the total material requirements will excee JOB INFORMATION SHEET

A signed purchase order identifying the project and stating the approximate material requirements

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The Project Credit Application

Customer's legal name, address and relationship to the job

Job location and owner or awarding authority

Lender name and address

General contractor's legal name and address

Sub contractor's legal name and address

Bonding company if public

Architect's name and address

Notices by State (Private)

A notice is required on private projects in the following states to protect any future rights to file a lien claim. A notice must generally be served within the time frame listed below. Please refer to the state provisions page for complete information. Download a printable PDF.

State	Commercial Projects	Residential Projects		
Alabama	prior to furnishing, or as soon as possible	prior to furnishing, or as soon as possible		
Alaska	prior to furnishing	prior to furnishing		
Arizona	20 days from first furnishing	20 days from first furnishing		
Arkansas	75 days from last furnishing	prior to first furnishing; additional notice within 75 days from last furnishin		
California	20 days from first furnishing	20 days from first furnishing		
Colorado	optional: as soon as possible	optional: as soon as possible		
Florida	45 days from first fabrication or first furnishing	45 days from first fabrication or first furnishing		
Georgia	30 days after first furnishing	30 days after first furnishing		
Idaho	non-statutory for commercial	when sold to owner - prior to contract		
llinois	non-statutory for commercial	subcontractors: 60 days from first furnishing; contractors: prior to payment		
Indiana	non-statutory for commercial	30 or 60 days from first furnishing		
lowa	30 days after first furnishing	as soon as possible; 10 days from commencement of project		
Kansas	non-statutory for commercial	notice of intent to perform prior to title passing / or warning statement		
Kentucky	120 days from last furnishing	75 days from last furnishing		
Louisiana	lessor's notice: 10 days after first furnishing; notice of non-payment 75 days from last day of each month furnished	lessor's notice: 10 days after first furnishing; notice of non-payment 75 days from last day of each month furnished		
Maine	non-statutory for commercial	as soon as possible		
Maryland	120 days from last furnishing	120 days from last furnishing		
Massachusetts	30 days from first furnishing	30 days from first furnishing		
Michigan	20 days from first furnishing	20 days from first furnishing		
Minnesota	contractors selling to owner, 10 days from agreement; otherwise 45 days from first furnishing	contractors selling to owner, 10 days from agreement; otherwise 45 days from first furnishing		
Mississippi	30 days from first furnishing	10 days prior to filing a lien		
Missouri	prior to furnishing, when contracting with owner; within 15 days from providing rental equipment	see details		
Montana	non-statutory for commercial	20 days from first furnishing		
Nebraska	non-statutory for commercial	as soon as possible		
Nevada	31 days after first furnishing	31 days after first furnishing;		
New Hampshire	prior to furnishing; serve monthly notices for additional furnishings	prior to furnishing; serve monthly notices for additional furnishings		
New Jersey	optional - after furnishing	60 days from last furnishing		
New Mexico	60 days from first furnishing	60 days from first furnishing		
North Carolina	notice of furnishing - as soon as possible	notice of furnishing - as soon as possible		
North Carolina	notice to lien agent - within 15 days from first furnishing (effective 4-1-13)	notice to lien agent - within 15 days from first furnishing (effective 4-1-13)		
Ohio	21 days from first furnishing	21 days from first furnishing		
Oklahoma	75 days from last furnishing	75 days from last furnishing		
Oregon	8 business days from first furnishing	8 business days from first furnishing		
Pennsylvania	30 days prior to lien	30 days prior to lien		

Notices by State (Public)

A notice is required on public projects in the following states to protect any future rights to serve a bond claim or file a public improvement lien. A notice must generally be served within the time frame listed below. Please refer to the state provisions page for complete information.

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State	Public Projects		
Arizona	20 days from first furnishing		
California	20 days from first furnishing		
Florida	45 days from first fabrication or first furnishing		
Georgia	30 days after first furnishing		
lowa	30 days after first furnishing		
Louisiana	lessor's notice: 10 days after first furnishing; notice of non-payment: 75 days from last day of each month furnished		
Massachusetts	20 days from receiving final written approval for specially fabricated materials		
Michigan	30 days from first furnishing		
Montana	30 days from first furnishing		
Nevada	30 days after first furnishing		
New Jersey	for bond claim: prior to furnishing; for municipal mechanic's lien: 20 days from first furnishing		
North Carolina	75 days from first furnishing		
Ohio	21 days from first furnishing		
South Carolina	as soon as possible		
Texas	Notice of specially fabricated materials: 15th day of 2nd month following acceptance of purchase order		
Texas	Notice of retainage: 15th day of 2nd month following first furnishing		
Texas	Notice of non-payment: 15th day of 2nd month following each month of furnishing		
Utah	20 days from first furnishing		
Washington	for bond claim: 10 days from first furnishing for public improvement lien: 60 days from first furnishing		
Wisconsin	60 days after first furnishing		
Wyoming	60 days from first furnishing		

The above is designed to provide a quick comparison of the notice requirements by state and does not address all variables. It is provided with the understanding that the publisher is not engaged in rendering legal advice. Action required in perfecting a claim varies from state to state and from case to case. NCS recommends retaining an attorney for each case.

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Notice to Owner or Preliminary Notice?



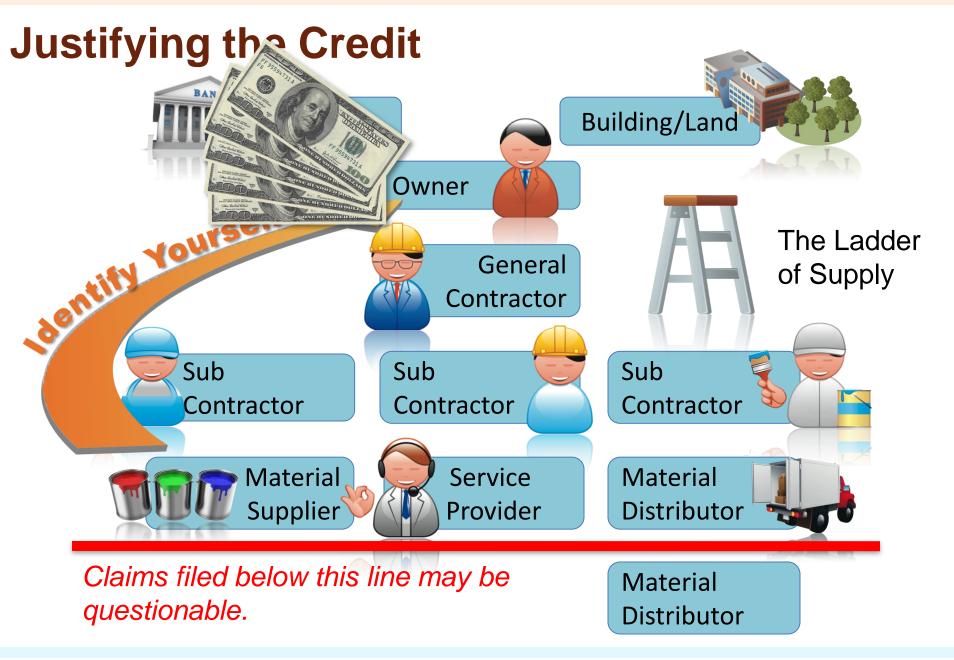
- Notice given to various parties on the ladder of supply
- Prerequisite to filing a lien claim
- Typically required to be served 20 days after first furnishing or greater



Notice to Owner or Preliminary Notice?



A way for owners of construction projects to identify potential lien claimants and ensure they get paid





Preliminary Notices: Alternate Names

- Notice to owner
- Notice of furnishing
- Preliminary notice
- Notice to contractor
- Notice of unpaid balance
- Notice of non-payment
- Notice of intent
- Notice of lien



Time Frames



- Typically must be served by a defined number of days after first furnishing materials or services to the construction project
- In some states the notice must be furnished prior to furnishing
- In other states you must calculate the mechanic's lien deadline and serve the notice so many days before actually filing the lien



Variables Affecting the Requirement of Notices

- With whom did you contract?
- Is the project commercial or residential?
- Did you provide materials, labor, or both?
- Did you provide specially fabricated materials?
- Is the project new construction or an improvement to an existing structure?



Products and Services Provided

- Materials
- Labor
- Materials and labor
- Specially fabricated materials
- Rental equipment



Do Notices Hurt?

- They are not recorded
- They do not cost your customer anything
- They only apply if your customer defaults





Preliminary Notice Considerations



Attach buffering verbiage to the notices



Buffering Tactics

XYZ Company

To whom it may concern:

The sending of the following Preliminary Notice is prescribed by the construction lien laws of [Project State]. This is a statutory requirement and needs to be done as a matter of law.

The sending of this notice should not reflect on the credit worthiness of [Claimant Name]'s customer or any other party to the project nor does it indicate any expected problem in the payment of [Claimant Name]'s invoices.



Preliminary Notice Considerations



- Attach buffering verbiage to the notices
- Mention the possibility of a notice being served in your form of quote

ABC Company

Quote number: 12345

Quantity: 400	Price: \$100,000
Delivery	Approx. 4 weeks upon receipt of PO
Validity of Offer	90 Days from date of offer
Terms of delivery	FOT Freight allowed
Payment Terms	Net 30, subject to credit approval

ABC Company reserves the right to ship defective goods. Our warranties are extremely limited. It is expressly understood that ABC Company has never completed a job or delivered an order on time. We pride ourselves on nonperformance. And, we don't really like you.

Please be advised that as a matter of procedure ABC Company retains its lien rights on all projects. The sending of a preliminary notice is required by the lien laws in most states. This is a statutory requirement and needs to be done as a matter of law. The sending of this notice does not reflect on your credit worthiness or any other party to the project.



Preliminary Notice Considerations



- Attach buffering verbiage to the notices
- Mention the possibility of a notice being served in your form of quote
- Educate your customers

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State Provisions Last Accessed

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Digest / Legislation Updates

SOUTH DAKOTA-SB6-REVISION OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Effective 7-1-2016, the requirement of a performance and payment bond will no longer be waived on state projects when the awarded contract does not exceed \$50,000.00... More

ILLINOIS—HB2635—SUBSTITUTION OF BOND FOR LIEN

Effective 1-1-2016, Illinois statute to include provisions for bonding off mechanic's lien... More

MAINE-LD337-REMOVAL OF LIEN

Effective 10-14-15, Maine statute specifies a time frame in which to release a lien... More

RHODE ISLAND—S0968—NOTICE OF POSSIBLE MECHANIC'S LIEN

Effective 7-15-15, Rhode Island statute now requires the contractor's Notice of Possible Lien prior to furnishing... More

LOUISIANA-SB151-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DOTD)

Effective 5-29-2015, Louisiana has amended requirements under public contracts... More

NEVADA—SB254—RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION - RETAINAGE



Preliminary Notice Considerations



Many who provide improvements to properties feel payment is more promptly received when a notice to all parties is served.



Preliminary Notice Considerations



In order for you to receive payment more promptly, that generally means your customer has to be paid more quickly.

Who Do You Notify?



Owner, Prime Contractor & Lender

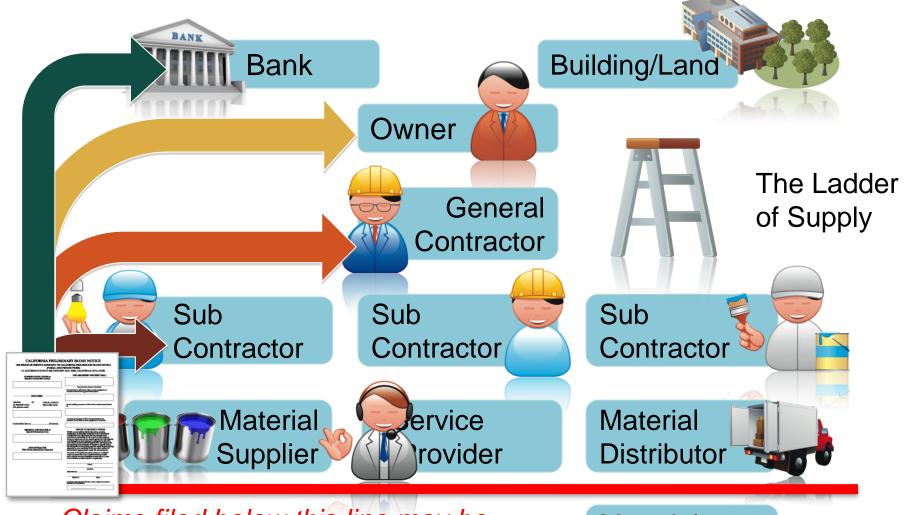
Owner & Prime Contractor

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Owner & Prime Contractor

Owner or General Contractor

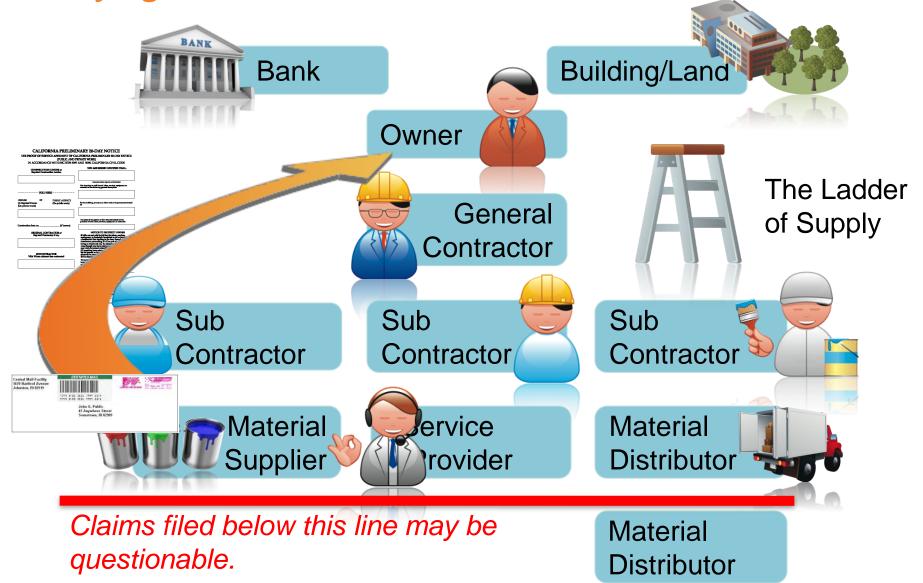
Justifying the Credit



Claims filed below this line may be questionable.

Material Distributor

Justifying the Credit

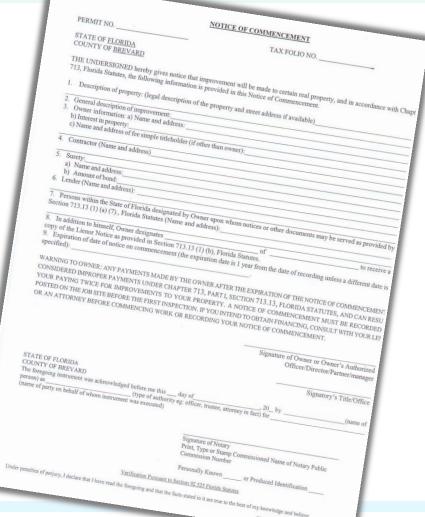




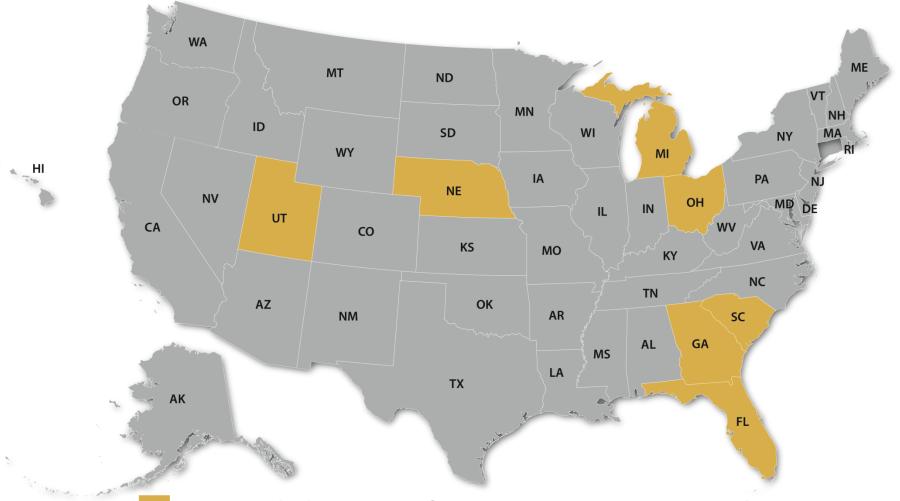
Notice of Commencement

Contains:

- Property owner(s)
- Improvement
- Contractors
- Financing agent(s)
- Surety



Notice of Commencement



States with the Notice of Commencement "option" in their Lien Laws (In some states the NOC is an option and is not required.)

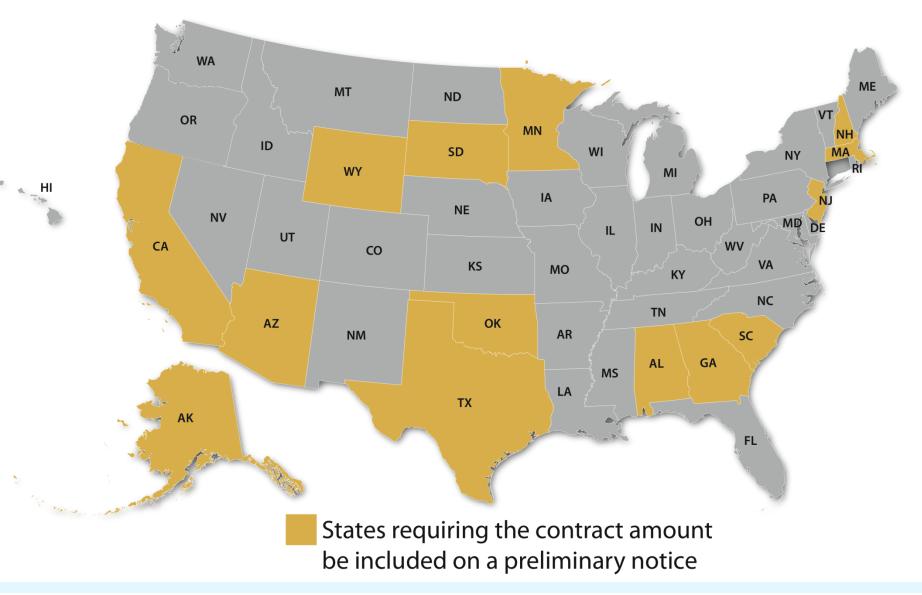


Methods to Verify Ownership

- Tax assessors' offices or websites
- Property ownership websites
- Sales staffDodge reports
- Ask your customers?



Preliminary Notices – Amounts Included



Notice Formats

CALIFORNIA PRELIMINARY NOTICE USE PROOF OF SERVICE AFFIDAVIT OF CALIFORNIA PRELIMINARY NOTICE

(PRIVATE AND PUBLIC WORK - IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8034, 8102, 8116 AND 8200 ET SEQ. AND 8034 8612 AND 9300 ET SEQ. CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE) USE PROOF OF SERVICE AFFIDAVIT OF CALIFORNIA PRELIMINARY NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION LENDER (Or Reputed Construction Lender, If Any)

(if known) Construction loan no.

OWNER or PUBLIC AGENCY (Or Reputed Owner)
(On Private Work) (On Public Work)

> DIRECT CONTRACTOR (Or Reputed Direct Contractor)

SUBCONTRACTOR (Or Reputed Subcontractor)

SUB-SUBCONTRACTOR (Or Reputed Sub-Subcontractor)

BOND COMPANY

An estimate of the total price of the labor, services, equipment or materials furnished or to be furnished is:

\$0.00

An estimate of the amount currently owing to claimant for providing through the date of this notice the above Work, after deducting payments and offsets, is:

\$43,310.00

INVENTORY MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE PO BOX 24101 CLEVELAND, OH 44124 (MS. JANE SMITH at (440) 461 - 9661) (name and address of person or firm – sender)

has furnished or will furnish MATERIALS AND LABOR of the following general description:

PIECES, PARTS AND THINGAMAJIGS

for the building, structure or other work of improvement located

The name of the person or firm who contracted for the purchase of such labor, services, equipment or materials:

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE PAID YOUR CONTRACTOR IN FULL, if the person or firm that has given you this notice is not paid in full for labor, service, equipment, or material provided or para in rull for rapor, service, equipment, or material provided to be provided to your construction project, a lien may be placed on your property. Foreclosure of the lien may lead to loss of all on your property. Foreclosure or the nen may lead to loss of all or part of your property. You may wish to protect yourself against this by (1) requiring your contractor to provide a signed release by the person or firm that has given you this notice before making payment to your contractor, or (2) any other method that

appropriate under the circumstances.
This notice is required by law to be served by the undersigned is appropriate under the circumstances. as a statement of your legal rights. This notice is not intended to as a statement of your regar rights. This motion is not internet to reflect upon the financial condition of the contractor or the person employed by you on the construction project.

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If you record a notice of cessation or completion of you construction project, you must within 10 days after recording send a copy of the notice of completion to your contractor a the person or firm that has given you this notice. The notice m the person or titri that has given you this notice. The notice m be sent by registered or certified mail. Failure to send the no will extend the deadline to record a claim of lien. You are required to send the notice if you are a residential homeowr a dwelling containing four or fewer units.

Claimant's Notice of unpaid compensation & employer pr Owing to laborers & entities (described in Civil Code §8202() names and addresses of the laborer(s) and the Trust Fund names and addresses of the laborate of the root compensation and employer payments is/are due and payable

(Addresses)

Mailed this date: JANUARY 5, 2016

, Agent

Our Reference: (L196149) ORDER 345-394



ILLINOIS - Notice of Furnishing

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL DEBTOR CONSTRUCTION 357 SOUTH DRIVE CLEVELAND, OH 44143

Re: JERRY'S BIG BUILDING 123 MAIN ST CHICAGO, IL 60604

Dear Sir or Madam:

INVENTORY MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION has or will be furn YOU MATERIALS AND LABOR (STUFF, SUPPLIES AND THINGAMAJIGS) for the project. The purpose of this letter is not in any way intended to be a reflection of creditworthiness, but is intended merely to protect the rights of INVEN MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE, under applicable lien, b other laws. We request that you please provide a copy of any payment bonds for this proje

Attn: Bob Jones P. O. Box 24101

It is requested that timely payment be made in accordance with the terms of INVENTO MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE's invoice(s). In the event invoices are not paid in accordance with the terms, INVENTORY MANUFACTURERS DE THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE reserves its rights under the mechanic's lien law, any payments

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact MS. JANE SMITH at th

Sincerely,

Bob Jones

Bob Jones, (c/o bjones@nescredit.com) Agent for INVENTORY MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE

CLEVELAND, OH 44124

Contact: MS. JANE SMITH at (440) 45: -9661 Reference #: L196140



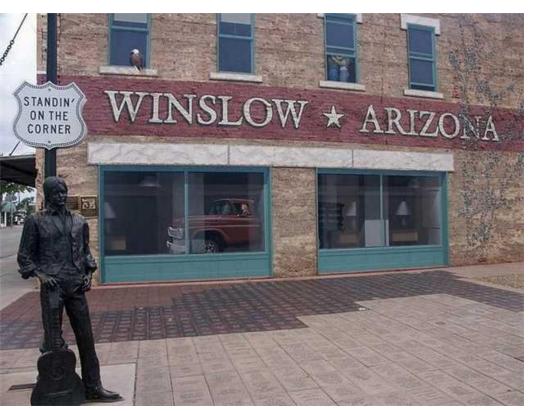
Niewind v. Carlson

Chuck Niewind dba C&N
Construction filed lien for work
which he was unpaid.

"must be in at least 10-point bold type,."

Niewind's prelien notice was in 11point font, complying with the first requirement, but it was not in bold or capital letters.

MLM Construction Co., Inc. v. Pace Corp.



 "[i]n accordance with Arizona Revised
 Statutes § 33-992.01,
 this is not a lien and
 this is not a reflection
 of the integrity of any
 contractor or
 subcontractor."



Notice – Methods of Service



- Certified
- Registered
- Personal delivery
- Express mail or overnight delivery by an express mail carrier



California Case Law

IGA Aluminum Products vs. Manufacturer's Bank

- IGA sent Welch a Preliminary Notice via <u>first class mail</u>
- California Statute says notice must be delivered by personal service, certified, or registered mail.
- Court found that the statute was unambiguously clear, and that IGA's notice was fatally defective



Additional Methods to Verify Ownership

Determining Factors

- How much is at risk?
- How comfortable are you with the accuracy of the information you have?



Non-Statutory Notices

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The name of the person or firm who contracted for the purchase of such labor, services, equipment or materials:

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE PAID YOUR CONTRACTOR IN EVEN (HOUGH YOU HAVE PAID YOUR CUNIRACION IN FULL, if the person or firm that has given you this notice is not FULL, if the person or firm that has given you this notice is not paid in full for labor, service, equipment, or material provided or to be provided or your construction project, a lien may be placed to your property or your property or your property or your property or your group or your property. You may wish to protect yourself or your property. You may wish to protect yourself or your property. You may wish to protect yourself or you will you have you ha against this by (1) requiring your contractor to provide a signed mease by the person or firm that has given you this notice befor reaking paymont to your contractor, of 2) any other method the is appropriate under the circumstances. The police is required by law to be served by the undersion.

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This notice is required by law to be served by the undersign this notice is required by the updetsing as a statement of your logal rights. This notice is not intende as a statement or your legal rights. This notice is not intended reflect upon the financial condition of the contractor or person employed by you on the construction project. If you record a notice of pessation or complation of

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MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE, under applicable lien, bond or MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE, under applicable lien, bond of other laws. We request that you please provide a copy of any payment bonds for this project to:

P. O. Box 24101

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Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact MS. JANE SMITH at the Sincerely,

Bob Jones

Bob Jones, (c/o biones@nescredit.com) Agent for 100 Jones, (e/o <u>Dionesigniescreoil.com</u>) Agent 101 INVENTORY MANUFACTURERS DBA THE CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE

CLEVELAND, OH 44124

Contact: MS. JANE SMITH at (440) 461 - 9661 Reference #: L196149 S.O. 23-345

> 800.02v.5256 rTomorrow@ncscredit.com

Preliminary Notice Options

Attorney

- Prepared and sent by an attorney local to the project
- Attorney is accountable
- Money must justify
- NCS monitors next actions

Premium

- Notices are prepared and sent by NCS staff, using information provided by client
- NCS reviews for reasonability
- NCS will attempt to verify ownership through several sources
- NCS monitors next actions

actions

Express

- Notices are prepared and sent by NCS staff, using information provided by client
- Client monitors next actions via NCS online self-tracking system



Review of Topics Covered

- Preserving mechanic's lien rights is critical to those contributing to the improvement of real property
- The first step in most states is to serve a notice to preserve those rights
- You must understand the given variables in the state's lien laws to determine if you are required to serve a notice
- Critical factors that determine the validity of your notice are:
 - Timeliness
 - Notification to all required parties
 - Accuracy of information
 - Proper format



Questions & Comments

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