

# DEBT CLAIM CASES

A debt claim case is a lawsuit brought to recover a debt by an assignee of a claim, a debt collector or collection agency, a financial institution, or a person or entity primarily engaged in the business of lending money at interest.

The claim can be for no more than \$20,000, excluding statutory interest and court costs but including attorney fees, if any. Debt claim cases in justice court are governed by Rules 500-507 and 508 of Part V of the Rules of Civil Procedure. To the extent of any conflict between Rule 508 and the rest of Part V, Rule 508 applies.

For information on Justice Court Rules, please visit [Texas Judicial Branch Rules and Forms](#) website.

## FORMS NEEDED:

1. Debt Claim Petition
2. Military Affidavit
3. Last known mailing address

## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. File with Justice Court Three and serve in Colorado County
  - Fees
  - \$54 filing fee
  - \$95 Constable fee for each person being served
2. File with Justice Court Three and serve outside Colorado County
  - The plaintiff is responsible to provide the court with the following information: name, address, phone number and separate payment for the service fee for the Constable, Sheriff or other agency that will be serving the citation.