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What Happens if I Win a Judgment in a Colorado Family Law Matter and I Don't Get Paid?

The questions on most people's minds after they obtain a judgment for a dollar amount in their Colorado family matter are:

1. When do I get paid? and...
2. Will the court punish the debtor if I am not paid?

It is important to understand that the Colorado family courts do not force judgment debtors to pay once parties win judgments. The Court can find judgment debtors in contempt and punish them for failing to appear, or for failing to answer questions under oath posed by plaintiff, or for failing to produce records disclosing their income and assets. Individuals can be jailed for contempt of court such as failing to comply with a court order, but a judgment for money is generally not considered an order to pay.

Once you obtain a judgment from the Colorado Court, there are tools and strategies available for collecting your judgment. You should consult legal counsel to learn more about your options, especially if your judgment is in Colorado, or you obtained it elsewhere, but the debtor resides in this state.



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