

Child Support Liens Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on child support liens. A child support lien “can be placed on properties, bank accounts, retirement plans, and other assets held by the non-paying parent” to enforce payment of child support (*Texas Law Help*). 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

Texas Family Code

- Ch. 157 Enforcement Subchapter G. Child Support Lien
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.157.htm#G>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Forms: Pleading and Practice REF KFT 1730.A65 T482

- Vol. 9A, § 184:21 Child Support Liens
- Vol. 9A, § 184:23 Checklist—Matters to include in drafting notice of child-support lien
- Vol. 9A, § 184:93-94 Notice of Child-Support Lien
- Vol. 9A, § 184:95 Release of child support lien
- Vol. 9A, § 184:96 Partial release of child support lien

Texas Practice REF KFT 1280.T4

- Vol. 33, § 18:22 Enforcement—Child support lien and foreclosure

- Vol. 33, § 29:24 Child support/alimony

O’ Connor’s Texas Family Law Forms REF KFT 1294 A65 W55

- Ch. 16G Child Support Lien

Texas Family Law Practice Manual REF KFT 1294 .T4S7

- Vol. 3, Ch. 33 Enforcement—Child Support

Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure REF KFT 1294.F35

- Vol. 3, Task J5 Enforcing Child Support Through Child Support Lien

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law KFT 1294.S83

- 2021 Vol. 1, Ch. 6 Child Support: Beyond the Basics
- 2020 Vol. 1, Ch. 6 Folsom Prison Blues: Enforcement with Contempt

Online Resources

Child Support Liens (Texas Attorney General)
<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support/get-started/all-child-support-forms>

Child Support Liens (DivorceNet)
<https://www.divorcenet.com/states/texas/txart24>

Child Support Liens (Attorney Blog)
<https://www.divorceattorneydallas.pro/blog/child-support-liens/>

Enforcing Your Support Orders on Your Own
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/enforcing-your-child-support-orders-on-your-own>

Property Liens for Unpaid Child Support (NOLO)
<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/property-liens-unpaid-child-support.html>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)

