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SOME BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS OF LIEN

- **TIME TO ENFORCE YOUR LIEN:** A construction claim of lien is enforceable for one year from the date the lien was recorded, although the time period will be reduced if you receive a Notice of Contest. If a Notice of Contest is filed, your claim of lien is enforceable for sixty days from the date of the Notice of Contest.
- **ENFORCING YOUR LIEN TO COLLECT YOUR MONEY:** Your construction claim of lien is enforced by a lawsuit to foreclose the lien. That is to say, you foreclose and have the real property sold at the Courthouse in order to pay your lien.
- **COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES CAN BE RECOVERED:** As a general rule, the prevailing party in a lien foreclosure action recovers its attorney's fees and costs.
- **PAYMENT BONDS:** If your claim of lien is transferred to a payment bond, you have a claim against the surety company that issued the payment bond, including the recovery of your attorney's fees.