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Unpaid judgments can cost you your license

When a dispute between a contractor and a claimant ends up in court and the case concludes with a final judgment against the contractor, it is an official order of the court to pay the judgment. Whether the contractor disagrees or feels the court order is unjust, he must pay the judgment or his license with the State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC) will be suspended or revoked.

Specifically, Section 115C of the Administrative Rules provides that if a licensed contractor is ordered by a competent court to pay a final and executory judgment awarded against him in the operation of his business, for charges for labor, material, breach of contract, etc., and fails to pay the judgment immediately upon its becoming final and executory, a hearing may be scheduled by the Board for the purpose of disciplining the licensee.

In addition, if a principal owner or a qualifying party of a contracting company has not paid a final judgment against himself personally, the company's license can be suspended or revoked, even if the judgment was not specifically against the company.

If a contractor applies for a new license, the Board will not approve the license if there are any outstanding liens or judgments; all liens or judgments must be satisfied first. In order to avoid revocation, outstanding judgments must be satisfied or a payment plan worked out with the claimant.

The statutes and rules for the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors can be accessed at the LSLBC website by utilizing the following link: <http://www.lacontractor.org/law.htm>

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