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Small Claims Filing Checklist

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File a small-claims case.

Prepare

Confirmed your claim is under the limit

Gathered evidence (contracts, photos, receipts)

Tried a written demand first

File

Completed the claim form

Paid the filing fee

Served the defendant

Attended the hearing with evidence

Notes

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