

## **NEW JERSEY**

## **EXECUTION AGAINST WAGES**

An execution against a person's wages can be requested if the debtor works in New Jersey and earns more than \$154.40 per week. To request a wage execution, the landlord must send a Notice of Application for Wage Execution to the debtor by regular and certified mail. A copy of the application and a statement of how the landlord mailed the application to the debtor must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Special Civil Part in the county where the case was heard.

If the debtor objects to the wage execution, a hearing will be scheduled by the court. If the debtor does not object or the court does not allow the objection, an order for a wage execution will be issued and the wage execution will be delivered to the debtor's employer by the Court Officer. The employer will hold back a portion of the debtor's pay, in accordance with the Order for Wage Execution and will send the money to the Court Officer, who will then send it to the landlord.

It is important to note that the court cannot levy on welfare benefits, Social Security benefits, veteran's benefits or unemployment benefits.