

C.R.S. 13-6-403

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13-6-403. Jurisdiction of small claims court - limitations.

(1)

(a) The small claims court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county and district courts in all civil actions in which the debt, damage, or value of the personal property claimed by either the plaintiff or the defendant, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, including such civil penalties as may be provided by law. By way of further example, and not limitation, the small claims court has jurisdiction to hear and determine actions in tort and assess damages in tort actions not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars.

(b) The small claims court division also has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county and district courts in actions where a party seeks:

(I) To enforce rights and responsibilities arising under the declaration, bylaws, covenants, or other governing documents of a unit owners' association, as defined in section 38-33.3-103 (3), in relation to disputes arising from assessments, fines, or fees owed to the unit owners' association and for which the amount at issue does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, exclusive of interest and costs.

(II) To enforce a restrictive covenant on residential property and the amount required to comply with the covenant does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, exclusive of interest and costs;

(III) Replevin if the value of the property sought does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars; and

(IV) To enforce a contract by specific performance or to disaffirm, avoid, or rescind a contract and the amount at issue does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars.

(2) The small claims court has only that jurisdiction specifically conferred upon it by law, as provided in subsection (1) of this section. In particular, it does not have jurisdiction over the following matters:

(a) Those matters excluded from county court jurisdiction under section 13-6-105 (1);

(b) Actions involving claims of defamation by libel or slander;

(c) Actions of forcible entry, forcible detainer, or unlawful detainer;

(d) and (e) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2001, p. 1512, § 2, effective September 1, 2001.)

(f) Actions brought or defended on behalf of a class;

(g) Actions requesting or involving prejudgment remedies;

(h) Actions involving injunctive relief, except as required to:

(I) Enforce rights or responsibilities arising under the declaration, bylaws, covenants, or other governing documents of a unit owners' association, as defined in section 38-33.3-103 (3), and including actions seeking declaratory relief;

(II) Enforce restrictive covenants on residential property;

- (III) Enforce the provisions of section 6-1-702.5;
- (IV) Accomplish replevin; and
- (V) Enter judgments in actions where a party seeks to enforce a contract by specific performance or to disaffirm, avoid, or rescind a contract;
- (i) Traffic violations and other criminal matters; or
- (j) Awards of body executions.

History

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