



## ACCESS CENTER SMALL CLAIMS A-Z

### CONTRACTOR CASES

1. Are you a contractor? Do you have a contractor's license? Is the license current? Is the job over? **If you do not have a license or the license is or was not current during the entire project, money cannot be recovered by a plaintiff in a small claims case.**
2. If the contractor is the plaintiff, is he or she using a fictitious business name? Is it current? **Any business, not just contractors, using a fictitious business name must have registered that name with the county clerk, and the registration must be current or that business cannot sue. Also, if business was done under the business name (check invoice or paperwork), then the lawsuit must be filed under that same business name. The business owner cannot omit the name of the business to circumvent the above-mentioned requirement.**