

1 AN ACT concerning liens.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Attorneys Lien Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 1 as follows:

6 (770 ILCS 5/1) (from Ch. 13, par. 14)

7 Sec. 1. Attorneys at law shall have a lien upon all  
8 claims, demands and causes of action, including all claims  
9 for unliquidated damages, which may be placed in their hands  
10 by their clients for suit or collection, or upon which suit  
11 or action has been instituted, for the amount of any fee  
12 which may have been agreed upon by and between such attorneys  
13 and their clients, or, in the absence of such agreement, for  
14 a reasonable fee, for the services of such suits, claims,  
15 demands or causes of action, plus costs and expenses. To  
16 enforce the such lien, such attorneys shall serve notice in  
17 writing, which service may be made by registered or certified  
18 mail, upon the party against whom their clients may have such  
19 suits, claims or causes of action, claiming such lien and  
20 stating therein the interest they have in such suits, claims,  
21 demands or causes of action. Such lien shall attach to any  
22 verdict, judgment or order entered and to any money or  
23 property which may be recovered, on account of such suits,  
24 claims, demands or causes of action, from and after the time  
25 of service of the notice. On petition filed by such  
26 attorneys or their clients any court of competent  
27 jurisdiction shall, on not less than 5 days' notice to the  
28 adverse party, adjudicate the rights of the parties and  
29 enforce the lien.

30 (Source: P.A. 86-1156; 87-425.)