

PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIONS AGAINST
BUSINESSES/CORPORATIONS/COMPANIES/TRIBE

As Plaintiff, you are acting as your own attorney. It is your responsibility to correctly identify the defendant. Your judgment may be denied if you do not identify the business properly and serve the appropriate representative of the business. Your first step is to determine the **basic category** of the business. Is the company a **sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation, etc.?**

Determining the category of the business may take a few phone calls and/or research on your part. You have several options and the following contacts may help you make that determination. You may have to access more than one entity to determine the company status of your defendant. The websites, listed below, are very helpful.

City of Tacoma Business Licenses
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402
253-591-5252
www.cityoftacoma.taxandlicense.gov

State of Washington Revenue Department
www.dor.wa.gov

This website can give you information regarding how the company is listed with the State of Washington; If the company is a corporation or who is listed as the owner of the business. Does not provide a list of board members/officers of the corporation; or if the business is a sole proprietorship or partnership.

State of Washington Corporation Division
www.sos.wa.gov/corps
(360) 725-0377 Olympia

LLC – Limited Liability Company; LLP – Limited Liability Professional Company and LP - Limited Partnerships, are, according to the corporation division, hybrid corporations with board members.

State of Washington Business Licenses Services
(900) 463-6000
Department of Licensing
P. O. Box 9034
Olympia, WA 98507-9034
www.bls.dor.wa.gov

**PUYALLUP TRIBAL
INFORMATION**

**Court Office
1638 East 29th
Tacoma, WA
253-680-5585
www.puyalluptribe.government.tribalcourt**

All actions against any business owned or run by an American Indian Tribe, MUST go through the tribal court process. Pierce County District Court has no jurisdiction.

Once the determination has been made as to what type of business you are suing, the following information may aid you in naming your defendant.

Sole proprietorship: John Q. Stanley, dba Stanley Automotive

Serve: John Q. Stanley

Partnership: John Q. Stanley and Richard R. Stanley, dba Stanley and Sons Automotive

Serve: Either John Q. Stanley or Richard R. Stanley

Corporation: Stanley and Sons, Incorporated. or Stanley and Sons, a corporation or Stanley and Sons Corporation

Serve: Registered Agent or whoever is authorized to accept Legal documents on behalf of the corporation

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