

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §33-10-18

## **§33-10-18. Proof of claims.**

(a) All claims against an insurer against which delinquency proceedings have begun shall set forth all of the following that are applicable:

(1) In reasonable detail, the amount of the claim, or the basis upon which the amount can be ascertained;

(2) The facts upon which the claim is based, including any consideration given for it;

(3) The priorities asserted, if any;

(4) The identity and amount of any security on the claim;

(5) The payments made on the debt, if any; and

(6) A statement that the sum claimed is justly owing and whether there is a right of setoff, counterclaim or defense to the claim.

(b) All claims shall be verified by the affidavit of the claimant, or someone authorized to act on his or her behalf and having knowledge of the facts and shall be supported by any documents as may be material thereto.

(c) All claims filed in this state shall be filed with the receiver, whether domiciliary or ancillary, in this state on or before the last date for filing as specified in this article.

(d) When a claim is denied, in whole or in part, by the liquidator, written notice of the determination shall be given to the claimant or his or her attorney by first class mail at the address shown in the proof of claim. Within sixty days from the mailing of the notice, the claimant may file his or her objections with the liquidator. If no such filing is made, the claimant may not further object to the determination.

(e) Whenever objections are filed with the liquidator and the liquidator does not alter his or her denial of the claim as a result of the objections, the liquidator shall ask the court for a hearing as soon as practicable and give notice of the hearing by first class mail to the claimant or his or her attorney and to any other persons directly affected, not less than ten nor more than thirty days before the date of the hearing. The matter may be heard by the court or by a court-appointed referee who shall submit findings of fact along with his or her recommendation. Upon receipt of the report, the court shall fix a time for hearing the claim and shall direct that the claimant or the receiver, as the court shall specify, shall give such notice as the court shall determine to any persons as shall appear to the court to be interested therein. All such notices shall specify the time and place of the hearing and shall concisely state the amount and nature of the claim, the priorities asserted, if any, and the

recommendation of the receiver with reference thereto.

(f) At the hearing, all persons interested shall be entitled to appear and the court shall enter an order allowing, allowing in part, or disallowing the claim. Any such order shall be considered an appealable order.