

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §38-16-302

**§38-16-302. No duty to accept filing of purported common law lien; no duty to reject filing of purported common law lien.**

A clerk of a county commission or other person has no duty to accept for filing or recording any purported claim of a common law lien, because a common law lien is neither authorized by statute nor imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction. A clerk of a county commission or other person has no duty to reject for filing or recording any claim of a common law lien, and the inadvertent or negligent recordation of a claim of a common law lien by a clerk of a county commission or other recorder does not create a cause of action against that official.