

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §47B-3-7

§47B-3-7. Actions by and against partnership and partners.

- (a) A partnership may sue and be sued in the name of the partnership.
- (b) An action may be brought against the partnership and any or all of the partners who are personally liable for obligations of the partnership under section six of this article in the same action or in separate actions.
- (c) A judgment against a partnership is not by itself a judgment against a partner. A judgment against a partnership may not be satisfied from a partner's assets unless there is also a judgment against the partner.
- (d) A judgment creditor of a partner may not levy execution against the assets of a partner who is personally liable for obligations of the partnership under section six of this article to satisfy a judgment based on a claim against the partnership unless:
 - (1) A judgment based on the same claim has been obtained against the partnership and a writ of execution on the judgment has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part;
 - (2) The partnership is a debtor in bankruptcy;
 - (3) The partner has agreed that the creditor need not exhaust partnership assets;
 - (4) A court grants permission to the judgment creditor to levy execution against the assets of a partner based on a finding that partnership assets subject to execution are clearly insufficient to satisfy the judgment, that exhaustion of partnership assets is excessively burdensome, or that the grant of permission is an appropriate exercise of the court's equitable powers; or
 - (5) Liability is imposed on the partner by law or contract independent of the existence of the partnership.
- (e) This section applies to any partnership liability or obligation resulting from a representation by a partner or purported partner under section eight of this article.