

# Administrative Collections

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## Vermont's Debt Collection Protections

### Examples of property protected:

- A motor vehicle, up to \$2,500 in total value
- Bank deposits or deposit accounts, up to \$700 in value
- Tools of your profession or trade, up to \$5,000 in total value.
- Household furnishings, goods or appliances up to \$2,500 in total value.
- Jewelry held primarily for personal, family, or household use, up to \$500 in total value.
- A wedding ring, regardless of value
- Growing crops, up to \$5,000 in total value.
- The Wildcard Exemption. A debtor's aggregate interest in any property not to exceed \$400 in value, plus up to \$7000 of any unused amount of the above-described exemptions for motor vehicles, tools of trade, jewelry or household items.

## Vermont Debt Collection Process: Accounts

Beginning of Civil Suit

Request for attachment

Notice of Attachment (5 days)

Hearing and finding

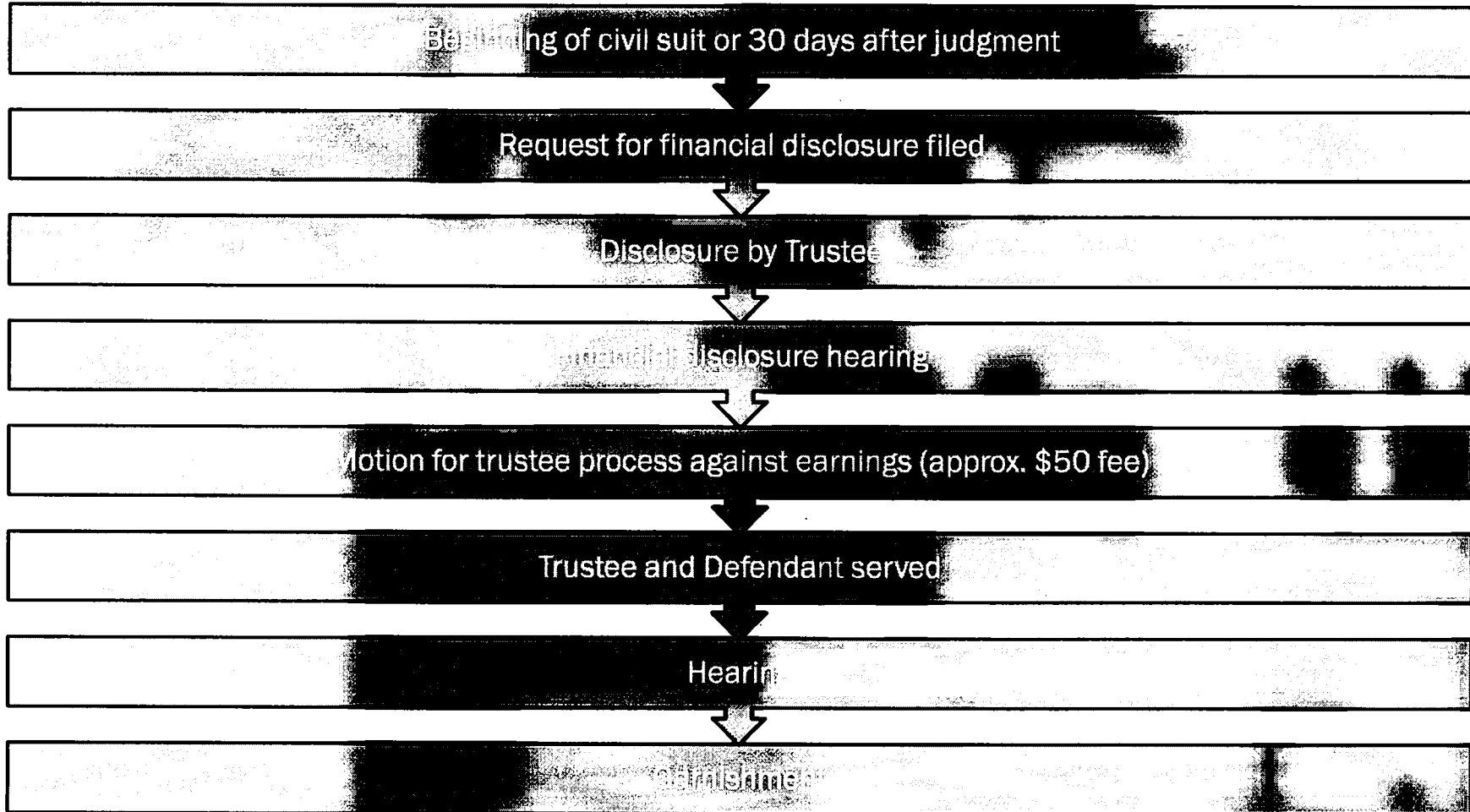
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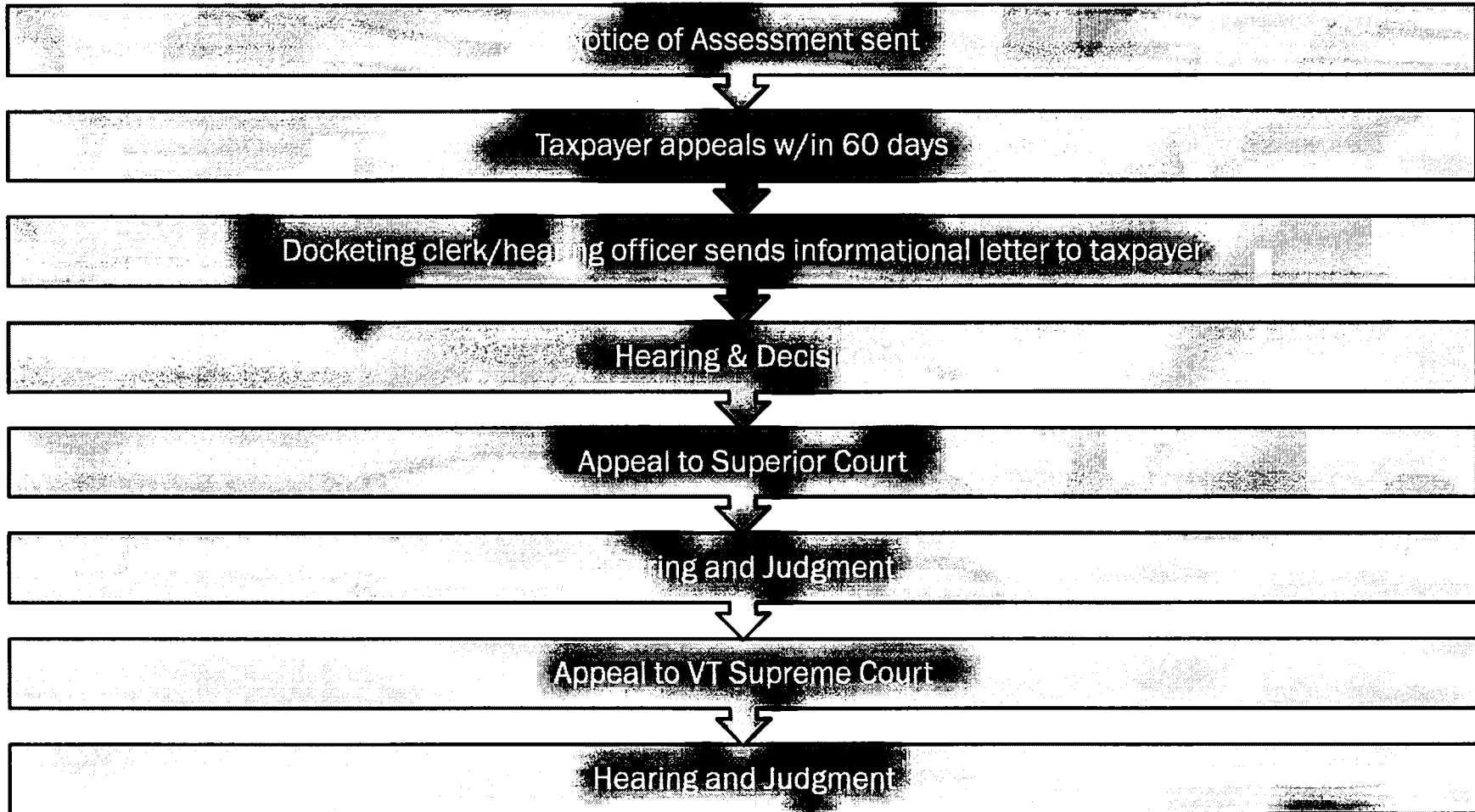
### Examples income protected:

- Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Benefits
- Unemployment Compensation Benefits
- Pension Benefits
  - ERISA plans (support orders excluded)
  - railroad retirement
  - fed employee retirement (support orders excluded support)
- Workers' Compensation Benefits
- Welfare or Public Assistance Benefits
- Income of Vermonters receiving assistance from DCF or DVHA

## Vermont Debt Collection Process: Income



# Department of Tax Appeals Process



## Other States: Garnishment

State	
Connecticut	Department can issue a warrant to the employer to garnish wages after 30 days written notice has been provided to the taxpayer.
	Department can garnish wages if the taxpayer has exhausted its administrative remedies and was given 20 days' notice of garnishment.
Kentucky	If payment is not made, after administrative remedies have been exhausted, after 30 days, the department may garnish a taxpayer's wages upon 10 days additional written notice.
Maine	Department may garnish wages upon 10 days written notice to taxpayer.
Massachusetts	Department may garnish wages upon 10 days written demand to the taxpayer.
North Carolina	Records a "certificate of tax liability" (an administrative judgment) and can garnish up to 10% of taxpayer wages without judicial intervention.

## Other States: Attachment

State	
Iowa	Department can send notice to financial institution if a taxpayer has exhausted its administrative remedies and was given 20 days' notice of levy.
Kentucky	If payment is not made, after administrative remedies have been exhausted, after 30 days, the department may levy an account upon 10 days additional written notice.
Maine	The department may levy a bank account upon 10 days written notice to the taxpayer.
Massachusetts	Department may garnish wages upon 10 days written demand to the taxpayer.
North Carolina	Records a "certificate of tax liability" (an administrative judgment) and can levy a taxpayer's bank account without judicial action.