

Legal Services and Collection

What does the Legal Services and Collection unit (LSC) do?

LSC represents the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance (Division) in certain legal matters and handles the legal aspects of collecting payments, among other duties. Services impacting **employers and claimants** (individuals who apply for unemployment insurance benefits) include:

- filing liens, garnishments, and establishing personal liability to collect delinquent unemployment insurance (UI) taxes from employers;
- administering bankruptcy cases (filed by employers, owners, and claimants);
- filing lawsuits to collect claimant overpayments;
- rendering review determination decisions (in response to wage adjustment protests and audit determination protests).

When is legal action taken against an employer or claimant?

LSC takes **legal action** when:

- an employer fails to make arrangements to repay a delinquent debt;
- an employer files for bankruptcy;
- a claimant fails to arrange repayment of an overpayment;
 - For overpayment details, see the [Benefit Payment Control FAQs](#).
- a claimant with a fraud overpayment files for bankruptcy.

How are employers/claimants notified that a legal collection process will begin?

Employers are served with complaints and summons. **Claimants** are served with lawsuits and summons.

How can an employer/claimant contact LSC?

- **Employers may email:** ui.legalcollect@maryland.gov
- **Claimants may email:** ui.litpros@maryland.gov
 - If you are a claimant seeking information about a lawsuit filed against you, **reach out to the attorney of record** (contact information is included on the legal document served to the claimant) or email ui.litpros@maryland.gov.
- **Employers and claimants may mail:** Legal Services and Collection, Maryland Department of Labor, 1100 North Eutaw Street, Room 401, Baltimore, MD 21201

For more information, see the [Legal Services and Collection FAQs](#).