

(C) SUBORDINATION OF LIEN.

A LIEN UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBORDINATE ONLY TO:

(1) A PRIOR LIEN FOR WAGES DUE TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CLIENT FOR WORK RELATED TO THE JUDGMENT OR AWARD; OR

(2) A LIEN FOR TAXES THAT THE CLIENT OWES THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 10, § 46.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to "suits" is deleted as encompassed in the words "action" and "proceeding". Md. Rule 1-202 defines the term "action" to mean "all the steps by which a party seeks to enforce any right in a court ..." and the term "proceeding" to mean "any part of an action".

In subsections (a)(2) and (c)(1) of this section, the former references to "decree[s]" and "order[s]" are deleted as included in the word "judgment", which Md. Rule 1-202 defines as "any order of court final in its nature ... ."

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the condition that "the client owes the attorney at law a fee or other compensation" is added for clarity.

As to an attorney's lien under the workers' compensation laws, see Art. 101, § 57 of the Code.

The Business Occupations Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that subsection (a)(1) of this section, which provides that an attorney has a lien on an action of a client, does not appear to be self-executing. There is not, however, any procedure specified for the execution of the lien. The General Assembly may wish to provide such a procedure.

Defined term: "Attorney at law" § 10-101

10-502. MATTERS BEFORE LAWYER COUNSELING COMMITTEES; IMMUNITY OF MEMBERS.

(A) "LAWYER COUNSELING COMMITTEE" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "LAWYER COUNSELING COMMITTEE" MEANS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT: