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# Should I – and How Do I – File a Claim Against a Debtor?

## Creditor's Rights Toolkit

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Asserting a claim correctly in a bankruptcy case is crucial for creditors to preserve their rights and interests against the debtor. Claims can be asserted in various ways, including scheduling by the debtor, through a proof of claim, or via a motion filed with the bankruptcy court. The complexity of the claim and the creditor's knowledge of the bankruptcy process will dictate if a claim can be asserted independently or if legal counsel is needed.

This article is a brief guide to correctly asserting a claim in a bankruptcy case. To access this article and read other insights from our Creditor's Rights Toolkit, [please click here](#).

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