Securing the Loan & Enforcing the Security

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The Unsecured Loan

I, Johnny Trustme, promise to pay to Easymoney Community Development Corp., on demand, the sum of \$75,000.

X_Johnny Trustme

* Enforcement

a) You have to sue, and to sue you usually need to find Johnny to serve him.

b) Typically, the lawsuit won't be defended, so you will get a judgment fairly soon after service.



* Enforcement

c) Enforcement of the Judgment is through the Sheriff's Office exclusively – there is no self help.

i) Bank Accounts / Accounts Receivable - Notice of Garnishment

ii) Chattels & Other Personal Property- Sheriff's seizure and sale



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iii) Real Estate:

- Sheriff's sale (poor return on value)
- All proceeds are divided pro rata amongst <u>all</u> execution creditors
- CRA may claim priority



Part II:

Securing the Loan

* When you are securing the loan, you can use:

- * The **borrower's assets**;
- * A third party's assets; or
- * A guarantee from a third party.



* The Guarantee

* This is really **a promise** by one person to pay the debt of another in case of default.

 The enforcement is basically the same as enforcement of a bare promissory note (you sue, get a judgment and enforce the judgment)



* Real Estate

* The primary form of security on real estate is the charge or mortgage.

 We also regularly see assignments of rents, although we rarely see them enforced

* Real Estate

 Priority of a mortgage is governed almost exclusively by priority of registration in the Land Registry Office



* Real Estate

Some third parties can gain priority, including:
 Municipal Taxes (always have priority)

- * Construction Liens
- * Canada Revenue Agency



Part III:

Enforcing the Mortgage

 When a mortgage is in default, you, as the holder of the mortgage, are entitled to several different things



1) You are entitled to **possession** of the property.

- a. Often, you need possession to appraise it prior to sale.
- a. Sometimes, you need possession to secure the property.



You are entitled to possession of the property.

However, when you take possession, you also **assume responsibility** for the property!

It is wise to consider whether you *really* need possession before you take it.

Once you take possession, you cannot give it back.



 The second thing you are entitled to is payment of what is owing to you.

> If you sue for possession, you will also sue for the **balance owi plus expenses**.

The **most important** right you have is **recourse to the property**, and this can take two forms:

1) Foreclosure

1) Power of Sale



 Foreclosure is a court action resulting in title being placed in the mortgagee's name.

* This option is almost never used



 * Power of Sale is your legal authority to sell the property after giving notice.

* Generally, this is your primary route to recover your loan.



* **Power of Sale** involves several steps:

- 1) Obtain **possession** (if needed);
- 2) Obtain one to two appraisals;
- 3) List for **sale**;
- 4) Sell and collect the **net proceeds**.



Part IV:

Personal Property

* Personal property includes:

- * Tangible items (inventory, equipment); and,
- Intangible items (accounts receivable, intellectual property and goodwill).



* **Personal property** can be attached with either:

- * A general security agreement (usually covers all business assets); or,
- * A chattel mortgage

 (if you are only securing
 specific tangible property)



- * The priority of the lien is generally governed by date of registration in the PPSA system
- There are a number of claims which will take priority over existing registrations:

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- * Canada Revenue Agency (super priority claims)
- Repair and Storage Lien Claims
- * Purchase Money Security Registrations

 If a business owner is putting up non-business assets as collateral, a separate "consumer" PPSA registration is required.



* Enforcement:

* Is much like the enforcement of a real estate collateral:

 You almost always need **possession** of collateral to sell it; if the debtor won't voluntarily part with it, you can have

a licensed bailiff seize it, or sue for possession



* Enforcement:

- * Is much like the enforcement of a real estate collateral:
- 2. Once you have possession, you need to secure and appraise the property.
- 3. Notice of intention to sell or retain must be given.
- 4. You then sell or retain (foreclosure).



NOTE:

If the assets you are seizing are all or substantially all inventory, accounts receivable or other property of the business... you must engage a **trustee in bankruptcy** as the receiver.

COST can be substantial, even if the assets have little value.



Part V:

Assets with Potential Problems

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* Real Estate:

- Residential tenants
- * Environmentally challenged property
- * Personal Property:
 - * Accounts Receivable
 - * Aircraft (logs/location)
 - * Heavy Equipment (location)



Questions & Answers