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## STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS FOR ALL 50 STATES

A statute of limitations (SOL) specifies a time period for commencing suit on a given claim that begins to run, or is triggered, when the cause of action accrues. When a cause of action "accrues" generally depends on the particular state involved, but it is usually when an accident occurs or when a claimant "discovers" the resulting injury. While a statute of limitations takes effect when a claim arises, a statute of repose bars the bringing of a suit after a set period of time, regardless of whether an injury occurred, or a claim has arisen. The time limit for bringing suit established by a statute of repose is triggered by a specified event, such as the substantial completion of an improvement to real property, the date a product was used, or the date a product was sold.

All fifty (50) states currently have statutes of repose, varying in both the type of claim covered by the statute and the length of the repose period. Forty-six (46) states have a statute of repose which apply to actions involving real property design, engineering, and construction. However, nineteen (19) states also have statutes of repose limiting product liability claims.

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| ALABAMA | 2 Years<br>Ala. Stat. § 6-2-38<br>(Except actions based<br>on conversion and<br>actions involving<br>wanton conduct or an<br>intentional tort to real<br>or personal property,<br>which is 6 years. Ala.<br>Stat. § 6-2-34(3)); <i>Ex</i><br><i>parte Capstone Bldg.</i><br><i>Corp.</i> , 96 So.3d 77<br>(Ala. 2012). | 2 Years<br>Ala. Stat. § 6-2-38            | An action is commenced by filing a complaint with the court. Ala. R. Civ. P. Rule 3(a). If the summons and complaint are not served upon a domestic defendant within 120 days of filing the complaint, the court can, after 14 days' notice to Plaintiff, dismiss the action without prejudice as to the defendant not served, or, upon a showing of good cause, extend the period to effect service. Ala. R. Civ. P. Rule 4(b).   | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Ala. Stat. § 6-2-38<br>4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Ala. Stat. § 7-2-725(1)  | <u>Construction</u> : 7 Years from substantial<br>completion to improvement to real<br>property against any person performing or<br>furnishing the design, planning, supervision<br>or observation of the construction. Ala.<br>Stat. § 6-5-221(2011). On May 26, 2011,<br>the Alabama Legislature decreased the<br>Statute of Repose for commencing<br>litigation against an architect, engineer or<br>builder from 13 years to 7 years. <u>Exception</u> :<br>Where architect, engineer, or builder had<br>knowledge that a defect or deficiency<br>existed and failed to disclose the defect.<br>Ala. Code § 6-5-221(a).<br><u>Products</u> : None. |
| ALASKA  | 2 Years<br>Alaska Stat. §<br>09.10.050, 070(a)   | 2 Years<br>Alaska Stat. §<br>09.10.070(a) | A civil action is commenced by<br>filing a complaint, a completed<br>case description form, and an<br>envelope addressed to the<br>plaintiff with sufficient postage to<br>mail all summonses that will be<br>issued in the case. Alaska R. Civ.<br>Proc. 3(a).<br>If a defendant is not served 120<br>days after filing the complaint, the<br>clerk will send a notice to show<br>good cause. If good cause is not<br>shown within 30 days after<br>distribution of notice, the court<br>will dismiss the case without<br>prejudice as to the defendant not<br>served. Alaska R. Civ. Proc. 4(j). | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Alaska Stat. §<br>09.10.070(a)<br>U.C.C.<br>4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Alaska Stat. § 45.02.725;<br>Armour v. Alaska Power<br>Auth., 765 P.2d 1372,<br>1375 (Alaska 1988). | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of construction or 10 years<br>from last act that allegedly caused injury,<br>death, or property damage. This section<br>specifically excludes defective products.<br>Alaska Stat. § 09.10.055 (2005).<br><u>Products</u> : None.  |

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| ARIZONA  | 2 Years<br>A.R.S. § 12-542     | 2 Years<br>A.R.S. § 12-542  | A civil action is commenced by<br>filing a complaint with the court.<br>Ariz. R. Civ. P. 3.<br>If a defendant is not served within<br>90 days of filing the complaint,<br>after motion or notice to the<br>plaintiff, the court must dismiss<br>the action without prejudice as to<br>the defendant that was not<br>served, or order that service be<br>made within a specified time. Ariz.<br>R. Civ. P. 4(i).   | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>A.R.S. § 47-2725   | <u>Construction</u> : 8 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property; 9 years if defect is discovered in<br>the 8 <sup>th</sup> year. A.R.S. § 12-552.<br><u>Products</u> : None. Previous Statute of Repose<br>was 12 years after original sale. However,<br>A.R.S. § 12-551 was declared<br>unconstitutional in <i>Hazine v. Montgomery</i><br><i>Elevator</i> , 861 P.2d 625 (Ariz. 1993). |
| ARKANSAS | 3 Years<br>A.C.A. § 16-116-103 | 3 Years<br>A.C.A. § 16-116-<br>103<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years<br>A.C.A. § 16-114-<br>203(a) | A civil action is commenced by<br>filing a complaint with the clerk of<br>the court. ARCP Rule 3(a). If a<br>defendant is not served within 120<br>days after filing the complaint, the<br>action will be dismissed without<br>prejudice as to the defendant not<br>served. ARCP Rule 4(i)(1). Upon<br>written motion and a showing of<br>good cause made before<br>expiration of the service deadline,<br>the court can extend the service<br>deadline. ARCP Rule 4(i)(2). | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>A.C.A. § 16-116-103<br><u>Property Damage</u> :<br>4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>A.C.A. § 4-2-725<br><u>Personal Injury</u> :<br>3 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br><i>Follette v. Wal-Mart</i><br><i>Stores, Inc.,</i> 41 F.3d 1234<br>(8 <sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994). | <u>Construction</u> : 4 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property for tort or contract actions for<br>personal injury or wrongful death, or 5<br>years for property damage. A.C.A. § 16-56-<br>112.<br><u>Products</u> : None.   |

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| CALIFORNIA | 3 Years<br>Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §<br>338(c)(1)<br><u>Contractors/Architects:</u><br>4 years from<br>substantial completion.<br>Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §<br>337.1 | 2 Years<br>Cal. Civ. Proc. Code<br>§ 335.1 | A civil action is commenced when<br>the complaint is filed. Cal. Civ.<br>Proc. Code § 350. The complaint<br>must be served on all named<br>defendants and proofs of service<br>on those defendants must be filed<br>with the court within 60 days after<br>filing of the complaint. Cal Rules of<br>Court, Rule 3.110. | Personal Injury:<br>2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Cal. Civ. Proc. Code<br>§ 335.1<br>Property Damage:<br>3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §<br>338(c)(1)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years)<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Cal. U. Com. Code § 2725 | Construction: <u>4 years</u> from substantial<br>completion of construction or construction<br>of improvement to real property arising out<br>of a patent defect, <u>10 years</u> from<br>substantial completion for a latent defect.<br>This doesn't apply to actions based on<br>willful misconduct or fraudulent<br>concealment. Ca. Civ. Proc. Code § 337.1,<br>337.15.<br>The Right to Repair Act was passed in 2003.<br>Civ. Code, § 895, <i>et seq</i> . It has its own ten-<br>year statute of repose. A claimant<br>proceeding under the Act must provide<br>proper notice of the pre-litigation claim to<br>the builder within the ten-year period. This<br>notice temporarily tolls the statute of<br>repose until the pre-litigation process is<br>complete.<br><u>Products</u> : None directly applicable to<br>product liability actions. Refer to § 338(c).<br>Standard 3-year SOL will apply to product<br>liability actions. California has no repose<br>statute potentially ending the<br>manufacturer's liability at the end of an<br>express or implied period of time<br>designated as the "useful life" of the<br>product. |

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| COLORADO | 2 Years<br>C.R.S. § 13-80-102<br>3 Years<br>If Motor Vehicle<br>Involved<br>C.R.S. § 13-80-<br>101(n)(I) City & Cty. of<br>Denver v. Gonzales, 17<br>P.3d 137 (Colo. 2001);<br>Jones v. Cox, 828 P.2d<br>218 (Colo. 1992). | 2 Years<br>C.R.S. § 13-80-102<br>3 Years<br>If Motor Vehicle<br>Involved<br>C.R.S. § 13-80-<br>101(n)(l) <i>City &amp;</i><br><i>Cty. of Denver v.</i><br><i>Gonzales</i> , 17 P.3d<br>137 (Colo. 2001);<br><i>Jones v. Cox</i> , 828<br>P.2d 218 (Colo.<br>1992). | A civil action is commenced by<br>filing a complaint with the court,<br>or by service of summons and<br>complaint. C.R.C.P. 3(a). If<br>commenced by service, complaint<br>must be filed within 14 days of<br>service, unless defendant waives<br>the filing requirement by filing a<br>responsive pleading. <i>Id.</i> If<br>defendant is not served within 63<br>days (nine weeks) after complaint<br>is filed, court must dismiss the<br>action without prejudice against<br>that defendant or order that<br>service be made within a specified<br>time, unless the plaintiff shows<br>good cause, which then requires<br>the court to extend the time for<br>service for an appropriate period.<br>C.R.C.P. 4(m).<br>If service has not occurred by the<br>deadline, the court has several<br>options: (1) give plaintiff notice<br>that case may be dismissed and<br>ask for a showing of good cause,<br>and if plaintiff shows good cause it<br>is entitled to an extension of time,<br>(2) give plaintiff additional time to<br>serve defendant, or (3) dismiss the<br>complaint without prejudice once<br>notice is given. <i>State Farm Mut.</i><br><i>Auto Ins. Co. v. Steul</i> , 477 P.3d 778<br>(Colo. App. 2020).<br>A trial court has broad discretion<br>when determining whether to<br>dismiss a case for a plaintiff's<br>failure to prosecute. Colo. R. Civ.<br>P. 41(b)(1). | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>C.R.S. § 13-80-106(1)<br>3 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>C.R.S. § 13-80-101(1)(a) | Construction: 6 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property for actions against architect,<br>contractor, builder or builder vendor,<br>engineer or inspector. C.R.S. § 13-80-104. If<br>claim arises during 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> year after<br>substantial completion, action can be<br>brought within two years after cause of<br>action.<br>Products: 7 years from date product first<br>used. C.R.S. § 13-80-107 (1)(a). Applies only<br>to "new manufacturing equipment."<br><i>Exceptions</i> : (1) injury caused by hidden<br>defect; (2) prolonged exposure to<br>hazardous material; (3) intentional<br>misrepresentation; or (4) fraudulent<br>concealment. C.R.S. § 13-80-107 (1)(b)-(c).<br>"Manufacturing equipment" means<br>equipment used in operation or process of<br>producing a new product, article,<br>substance, or commodity for purposes of<br>commercial sale and different from and<br>having a distinctive name, character, or use<br>from the raw or prepared materials used in<br>the operation or process. C.R.S. § 13-80-<br>107 (2). |

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| CONNECTICUT | 2 Years<br>C.G.S.A. § 52-584<br>The Conn. legislature<br>distinguishes "injury"<br>or actionable harm,<br>from "the act or<br>omission complained<br>of" and provides a 3-<br>year statute of repose.<br><i>Tarnowsky v. Socci</i> ,<br>856 A.2d 408 (Conn.<br>2004). | 2 Years<br>C.G.S.A. § 52-584   | A civil action is commenced by<br>serving a writ of summons and a<br>complaint. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 52-<br>45a; Conn. Practice Book § 8-1(a).<br>Service must be attained twelve<br>days before the return date. Conn.<br>Gen. Stat. § 52-46. Service must be<br>returned to the court at least six<br>days before the return date. Conn.<br>Gen. Stat. § 52-46a. Importantly,<br>the return date can only fall on a<br>Tuesday. C.G.S.A. § 52-48(a). | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>3 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>C.G.S.A. § 52-577(a)  | <u>Construction</u> : 7 years from substantial completion to improvement to real property for actions brought against any architect, professional engineer, or land surveyor. C.G.S.A. § 52-584a. If claim arises during 7 <sup>th</sup> year after substantial completion, action can be brought within one year of date of injury, but no more than 8 years post substantial completion. <u>Products</u> : 10 years from date of sale - can be extended by warranty. C.G.S.A. § 52-577(a). |
| DELAWARE    | 2 Years<br>(3 Years if not<br>discoverable in 2<br>Years) 10 Del. C. §<br>8107  | 2 Years<br>(3 Years if not<br>discoverable in 2<br>Years) 10 Del. C. §<br>8119 | A civil action, except an amicable<br>action, is filed by serving a<br>complaint. Del. Super. Ct. Civ. R.<br>3(a). If a defendant is not served<br>within 120 days after filing of the<br>complaint, absent good cause, the<br>action will be dismissed without<br>prejudice as to the defendant not<br>served. Del. Super. Ct. Civ. R. 4(j).  | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>10 Del. C. § 8119 § 8107.<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years)<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>6 Del. C. § 2-725<br>4 Years from delivery for<br>breach of implied<br>warranty of<br>merchantability and<br>fitness for a particular<br>purpose. Addison v.<br>Emerson Elec. Co., 1997<br>WL 129327 (D. Del. 1997). | <u>Construction</u> : 6 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. 10 Del. C. § 8127.<br><u>Products</u> : None.   |

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| DISTRICT OF<br>COLUMBIA | 3 Years<br>D.C. Code § 12-301 | 3 Years<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>1 Year<br>D.C. Code § 12-301 | A civil action is commenced by<br>filing a complaint with the court.<br>D.C. SCR-Civil Rule 3. The plaintiff<br>must file either an<br>acknowledgment of service or<br>proof of service of the summons,<br>complaint, Initial Order, any<br>addendum to that order, and any<br>other order directed by the court<br>to the parties at the time of filing,<br>within 60 days of filing the<br>complaint. D.C. SCR-Civil Rule<br>4(m)(1)(A). A motion can be made<br>to extend the time for service. D.C.<br>SCR-Civil Rule 4(m)(2). An<br>exception to the service of<br>summons rule exists for<br>subrogation cases. D.C. SCR-Civil<br>Rule 4(m)(1)(b)(ii). In cases where<br>a subrogee seeks recovery of<br>greater than \$10,000, the time to<br>file proof of service is extended to<br>180 days. C. SCR-Civil Rule 40-<br>III(b). | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>D.C. Code § 12-301<br>3 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>D.C. Code § 12-301<br>Breach of Contract for Sale:<br>4 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty) D.C. Code §<br>28:2-725 | Construction: 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. D.C. Code § 12-310.<br>Products: None. |

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| FLORIDA | 2 Years *<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(4)(a).<br>4 Years *<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(3)(g).<br>*HB 837 (causes of<br>action after 3/24/23),<br>Four (4) year SOL for<br>negligence becomes<br>two (2) years. But, §<br>95.11(3)(g) provides<br>four (4) years for "an<br>action for taking,<br>detaining, or injuring<br>personal property." To<br>resolve conflict more<br>specific statute<br>controls over less<br>specific. Mendenhall v.<br>State, 48 So.3d 740<br>(Fla.2010). It could be<br>argued that neither<br>statute of limitations<br>seems to provide<br>more specificity than<br>the other.<br>Until this is cleared<br>up, it is best to<br>assume the 2-year<br>statute of limitations<br>is applicable to<br>property damage<br>negligence claims. | 2 Years*<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(4)(a)<br>*For causes of<br>action accruing<br>after March 24,<br>2023 (HB 837)<br>4 Years**<br>F.S.A. §<br>95.11(3)(a),(o)<br>**For causes of<br>action accruing<br>before March 24,<br>2023 (before HB<br>837)<br><u>Wrongful Death:</u><br>2 Years<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(4)(e)<br><u>Med Malpractice:</u><br>2 Years<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(4)(c)<br>& Lehrer, S.C. | A civil action is commenced when<br>the complaint is filed. Fla. R. Civ. P.<br>1.050.<br>If service is not made upon a<br>defendant within 120 days after<br>filing, the court, after notice or on<br>motion, shall direct that service be<br>effected within a specified time or<br>shall dismiss the action without<br>prejudice or drop that defendant<br>as a party. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.070(j). If<br>the plaintiff shows good cause or<br>excusable neglect for the failure,<br>the court shall extend the time for<br>service for an appropriate period.<br>Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.070(j). | 2 Years*<br>(Strict Product Liability)<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(4)(a)<br>U.C.C.<br>4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(3)(j)<br>Breach of Express<br>Warranty: 5 Years (Breach<br>of Warranty)<br>F.S.A. § 95.11(2)(b)<br>Under Florida law, a<br>products liability action is<br>a civil action based upon<br>a theory of strict liability,<br>negligence, breach of<br>warranty, nuisance, or<br>similar theories for<br>damages caused by the<br>manufacture, design,<br>construction, assembly,<br>formulation, installation,<br>or preparation, of a<br>product.<br>*Even though the SOL for<br>"An action for injury to a<br>person founded on the<br>design, manufacture,<br>distribution, or sale of<br>personal property" is still<br>4 years under<br>§95.11(3)(d), (see column<br>to right) it is best to<br>assume the SOL is 2<br>years. | Construction (action founded on the design, planning, or construction of an improvement to real property): must be filed within ten (10) years (7 years**) after the date the authority having jurisdiction issues a temporary certificate of occupancy, a certificate of occupancy, or a certificate of completion, or the date of abandonment of construction if not completed, whichever date is earliest F.S.A. § 95.11(3)(b).<br>Products: 12 years from delivery if product has useful life of 10 years or less, otherwise 20 years. If warranty more than 20 years then statute of repose is warranty period. F.S.A. § 95.031(2)(b).<br>**SB360 shortened the statute of repose for construction cases from ten (10) years to seven (7) years and is applicable to any action commenced on or April 13, 2023, regardless of when the cause of action accrued, except that any action that would not have been barred under § 95.11(3)(c), before the amendments made by this act must be commenced on or before July 1, 2024, and is barred by the amendments to s. 95.11 (3)(c), Florida Statutes, made by this act, then the action is barred. See <u>HERE</u> for complete copy of SB360.<br>*When two statutes conflict, the more specific statute controls. <i>Carcaise v. Durden</i> , 382 So.2d 1236 (Fla. 5th DCA), rev. denied, 389 So.2d 1108 (Fla.1980). This general rule applies to the construction of statutes of limitation even when the more specific statute provides for a shorter limitation period. <i>Sheils v. Jack Eckerd Corp.</i> , 560 So.2d 361 (Fla. 2d DCA 1990). |

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| GEORGIA | 4 Years<br>O.C.G.A. §§ 9-3-30<br>(real property) and 9-<br>3-31 (personal<br>property).<br><u>NOTE</u> : SOL for damage<br>to home (assuming<br>original owner) begins<br>to run from date of<br>substantial<br>completion even<br>though this means<br>SOL might run before<br>accident occurs. <i>Corp.</i><br><i>of Mercer Univ. v. Nat.</i><br><i>Gypsum Co.,</i> 368<br>S.E.2d 732 (Ga. 1988). | 2 Years<br>O.C.G.A. § 9-3-33   | Filing suit must be followed by<br>perfection of service within time<br>required by law. Plaintiff must act<br>with due diligence. Hilton v.<br><i>Maddox, Bishop, Hayton Frame &amp;</i><br><i>Trim Contractors, Inc.,</i> 188 S.E.2d<br>167 Ga. App. 1972).<br>Issuance and service of process-<br>the service to be made within five<br>(5) days from the time of receiving<br>the summons and complaint. Ga.<br>St. § 81A-104<br>When service is made after the<br>SOL expires, the plaintiff must act<br>reasonably and diligently in<br>attempting to obtain service as<br>quickly as possible. <i>Lipscomb v.</i><br><i>Davis,</i> 783 S.E.2d 398 (Ga. App.<br>2016). | Personal Injury:<br>2 Years (or 1 Year from<br>date of death) (Product<br>Liability) O.C.G.A. § 9-3-<br>33<br>Personal Property<br>Damage: 4 Years (Product<br>Liability) O.C.G.A. § 9-3-<br>30, 31<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years)<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>O.C.G.A. § 11-2-725 | <u>Construction</u> : 8 years from substantial<br>completion to improvement to real<br>property. O.C.G.A. § 9-3-51. If claim occurs<br>in 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> year after substantial<br>completion must be brought within two<br>years of injury.<br><u>Products</u> : 10 years after date of first sale -<br>not applicable to warning claims. O.C.G.A. §<br>51-1-11(b)(2). However, a claim involving<br>damage caused by a product's component<br>part must be filed within 10 years after the<br>part was incorporated into the final design<br>of the product by the manufacturer.<br><i>Johnson v. Ford Motor Co.</i> , 637 S.E.2d 202<br>(Ga. App. 2006). |
| HAWAII  | 2 Years<br>Haw. Rev. Stat. § 657-<br>7  | 2 Years<br>Haw. Rev. Stat. §<br>657-7<br><u>Auto Accidents</u> :<br>SOL is extended to<br>(1) Two years after<br>last insurance<br>payment or (2)<br>Two years after<br>date of last<br>workers'<br>compensation<br>benefit payment.<br>Haw. Rev. Stat. §<br>431:10C-315(b). | A civil action is commenced by<br>filing a complaint with the court.<br>Hi. R. Civ. P. 3. Hawaii has no<br>explicit duty to serve the<br>Complaint within the SOL,<br>however there is a rule stating<br>that the plaintiff must have an<br>"intent to serve." Section 657–22<br>does not require a plaintiff to<br>actually serve the defendant or to<br>exercise due diligence. Instead, it<br>requires the "intent" to serve<br>within the SOL at the time "any<br>process was issued." <i>Heiser v.</i><br><i>Ass'n of Apartment Owners of Polo<br/>Beach Club</i> , 848 F. Supp. 1482 (D.<br>Haw. 1993).  | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Haw. Rev. Stat. §657-7<br>Breach of Implied<br>Warranty of<br>Merchantability:<br>4 Years (Product Liability)<br>(Haw. Rev. Stat. § 490:2-<br>725).<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 years)<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Haw. Rev. Stat. § 490:2-<br>725   | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from date of<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property, but two years after accrual. Haw.<br>Rev. Stat. § 657-8.<br><u>Products</u> : None.   |

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| IDAHO    | 3 Years<br>Idaho Code § 5-<br>218(2),(3) | 2 Years<br>Idaho Code § 5-<br>219(4)  | There is no requirement that the<br>Complaint be served prior to the<br>expiration of the SOL. The only<br>requirement is a 6-month rule for<br>service after filing of the<br>Complaint. Idaho R.C.P 4(a)(2).   | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Idaho Code § 5-219<br><u>Personal Injury</u> : 2 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Idaho Code § 5-219(4)<br><u>Property Damage</u> : 4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Idaho Code § 28-2-725(1)   | <u>Construction</u> : 6 years from final completion<br>of improvement to real property. Idaho<br>Code § 5-241.<br><u>Products</u> : 10 years or after product's<br>"useful safe life." Idaho Code § 6-1403(3)<br>(Rebuttable Presumption).  |
| ILLINOIS | 5 Years<br>735 I.L.C.S. § 5/13-205       | 2 Years<br>735 I.L.C.S. § 5/13-<br>202<br><u>Construction</u> : 4 Year<br>SOL may apply if<br>"design, planning,<br>supervision,<br>observation,<br>construction<br>management" is<br>involved. 735<br>I.L.C.S. § 5/13-<br>214(a); Fed. Ins. Co.<br>v. Konstant 902<br>N.E.2d 1213 (III.<br>App. 2009).<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>Statutes vary as<br>defined in 735<br>I.L.C.S. § 5/13-212. | Illinois Supreme Court Rule 103(b)<br>requires a plaintiff to exercise<br>diligence in serving a defendant.<br>The rule is based on the principle<br>that litigation should have an end-<br>date and not languish. <i>Mular v.</i><br><i>Ingram</i> , 33 N.E.3d 771 (III. App.<br>2015).<br>Plaintiff must exercise reasonable<br>diligence to obtain service upon<br>defendant prior to expiration of<br>SOL (avoiding issues with SC Rule<br>103(b) or other related state<br>service rules. | Personal Injury:<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br>735 I.L.C.S. § 5/13-202<br>Personal Property:<br>5 Years (Product Liability)<br>I.L.C.S. § 5/13-205<br>4 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty) (except when<br>express warranty covers<br>future performance past<br>four-year SOL period).<br>810 I.L.C.S. § 5/2-725. | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from improvement<br>to real property, but after person had<br>knowledge, four years. 735 I.L.C.S. § 5/13-<br>214.<br><u>Products</u> : Shorter of 10 years from sale<br>date to initial user or 12 years from delivery<br>to first owner. 735 I.L.C.S. § 5/13-213. |

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| INDIANA | 2 Years<br>I.C. § 34-11-2-4  | 2 Years<br>I.C. § 34-11-2-4  | There is no requirement that the<br>Complaint be served or properly<br>served within that period of time.<br><i>Elam v. Neville</i> , 129 F. Supp. 437<br>(N.D. Ind. 1955).   | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>I.C. § 34-11-2-4<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>I.C. § 26-1-2-725  | <u>Construction</u> : Earlier of 10 years post<br>substantial completion of improvement or<br>12 years post completion and submission<br>of plans and specs. to owner if design<br>defect. I.C. § 32-30-1-5. If injury in 9 <sup>th</sup> or<br>10 <sup>th</sup> year after substantial completion, two<br>years post injury, but no more than 12<br>years post substantial completion or 14<br>years post completion, submission of plans<br>and specs. to owner if design defect.<br><u>Products</u> : 10 years after delivery unless<br>accrues at least 8 years, but less than 10<br>years after delivery. I.C. § 34-20-3-1. |
| IOWA    | 5 Years<br>I.C.A. § 614.1(4) | 2 Years<br>I.C.A. § 614.1(2) | Plaintiff has duty to use due<br>diligence to secure service of<br>process. Iowa Trial Procedure<br>Rules 4, 41(E).<br>Remedy for failure to use due<br>diligence in effecting service of<br>process is not retrospective<br>determination that action was<br>never commenced, statute of<br>limitations not tolled, but motion<br>to dismiss for failure to prosecute.<br><i>Taylor v. Lewis</i> , 577 N.E.2d 986<br>(Ind. App. 1991). | Personal Injury:<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br>I.C.A. § 614.1(2)<br>Personal Property:<br>5 Years (Product Liability)<br>I.C.A. § 614.1(4)<br>Breach of Implied<br>Warranty: 5 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>I.C.A. §§ 554.2725,<br>614.1(4),(5)<br>Breach of Express<br>Warranty: 10 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>I.C.A. §§ 554.2725,<br>614.1(5) | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years for an action related<br>to residential construction or 8 years for<br>any other kind of improvement to real<br>property, after the date on which the act or<br>omission has occurred. I.C.A. § 614.1.<br><u>Products</u> : 15 years unless warranty is<br>longer. I.C.A. § 614.2A and 614.1(11).   |

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| KANSAS   | 2 Years<br>K.S.A. § 60-513  | 2 Years<br>K.S.A. § 60-513  | Service required within 90 days<br>after petition is filed. This time<br>may be extended an additional 30<br>days upon a showing of good<br>cause by the plaintiff, if service of<br>process or first publication is not<br>made within 90 days. K.S.A. § 60-<br>203. <i>Wheat v. Kinslow</i> , 316<br>F.Supp.2d 944 (D. Kan. 2003).   | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>K.S.A. § 60-513<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years)<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>K.S.A. § 84-2-725  | <u>Construction</u> : There is a general 10-year<br>Statute of Repose for all tort cases. K.S.A. §<br>60-513(b).<br><u>Products</u> : 10 years or after expiration of<br>useful safe life as described by the Kansas<br>Product Liability Act. K.S.A. § 60-3303(b)(1). |
| KENTUCKY | 2 Years<br>K.R.S. § 413.125 | 1 Year<br>K.R.S. §<br>413.140(1)(a)<br>2 Years<br>If Motor Vehicle<br>Involved.<br>K.R.S. § 304.39-<br>230(6) | Taking out of summons is<br>presumptive evidence of an<br>intention to have it served in due<br>course, but that presumption may<br>be rebutted by the facts. <i>Hearn v.</i><br><i>Family Dollar Holdings, Inc.,</i> 519<br>S.W.3d 785 (Ky. App. 2017).<br>Summons filled out and signed,<br>but with no present intention of<br>having it served is inoperative in<br>commencing an action. <i>Isaacs v.</i><br><i>Caldwell,</i> 530 S.W.3d 449 (Ky.<br>2017). Action not commenced<br>prior to expiration of limitations<br>period where summons issued<br>prior to expiration of limitations<br>period but held by plaintiff until<br>after expiration of period. <i>Gibson</i><br><i>v. EPI Corp.,</i> 940 S.W.2d 912 (Ky.<br>App. 1997). | Personal Injury:<br>1 Year (Product Liability)<br>K.R.S. § 413.140(1)(a)<br><u>Personal Property</u> :<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br>K.R.S. § 413.125<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years)<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>K.R.S. § 355.2-725 | Construction: 7 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. K.R.S. § 413.135(1).<br><u>Products</u> : 5 years from sale date or 8 years<br>from manufacture date (rebuttable<br>presumption of no defect). K.R.S. §<br>411.310.           |

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| LOUISIANA | 1 Year<br>L.S.AC.C. Art. § 3492<br>In Louisiana, a SOL is<br>known as a <i>liberative</i><br><i>prescription</i> . Liberative<br>prescription is defined<br>as a mode of barring<br>actions as a result of<br>inaction for a period of<br>time. | 1 Year<br>L.S.AC.C. Art §<br>3492<br>Generally, a one-<br>year prescriptive<br>period for tort<br>claims. However,<br>some torts have a<br>longer time period. | There is a 90-day service<br>requirement under L.S.AC.C.P.<br>1201, after which the claim<br>prescribes if past the prescription<br>date. You can argue extension<br>with good faith efforts to serve. | 1 Year<br>(Product Liability)<br>L.S.AC.C. Art. § 3492,<br>3595<br>In cases where seller did<br>not know of the defect,<br>the earlier of four (4)<br>years (Breach of<br>Warranty) from delivery<br>date or one (1) year<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>from date of discovery by<br>buyer. L.S.AC.C. Art. §<br>2534 (see L.S.AC.C. Art.<br>§ 2534 for various<br>exceptions). | In Louisiana, statutes that bar a claim after<br>a specified period of time following the<br>completion of services or the substantial<br>completion periods. These Peremption<br>periods cannot be renounced, interrupted,<br>or suspended.<br><u>Construction</u> : 5 years after the date owner<br>takes possession of (accepts) the<br>improvement to real property. La R.S.<br>9:2772. If loss during 5 <sup>th</sup> year ( <i>i.e.</i> , registry<br>of acceptance; ownership or possession),<br>action can be brought within one (1) year<br>after injury, but in no event more than six<br>(6) years after loss. L.S.AC.C. § 9:2772.<br>An action against a contractor or an<br>architect for construction defects must be<br>brought within a ten (10) year liberative ten<br>(10) year prescription period (SOL). L.S.A<br>C.C. Art. § 3500. This conflicts with a five (5)<br>year prescriptive period for actions against<br>architects and contractors for ruin of a<br>wood or brick-filled building on account of<br>poor workmanship. But, if the building is<br>stone or brick, it is ten (10) years. L.S.A<br>C.C. § 9:2762.<br><u>Products</u> : None.<br>Peremption differs from prescriptive in two<br>respects: (1) the expiration of the<br>Peremption time period destroys the cause<br>of action itself; and (2) nothing may<br>interfere with the running of a Peremption<br>time period. <i>Naghi v. Brener</i> , 17 So.3d 919<br>(La. 2009). |

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| MAINE    | 6 Years<br>14 M.R.S.A. § 752                     | 6 Years (Unless<br>Exception Applies).<br>14 M.R.S.A. § 752<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>2 Years<br>18-A M.R.S.A. § 2-<br>804(b)<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>3 Years<br>24 M.R.S.A. § 2902 | Action is commenced (1) by the<br>service of a summons, complaint,<br>and notice regarding electronic<br>service, or (2) by filing a complaint<br>with the court. With (1), complaint<br>must be filed with the court within<br>20 days after completion of<br>service. With (2), return of service<br>must be filed with within 90 days<br>after filing of the complaint.<br>Otherwise, the action may be<br>dismissed, and the court may, in<br>its discretion, rule that the action<br>was vexatiously commenced, tax a<br>reasonable attorney's fee as costs<br>in favor of defendant, to be<br>recovered of plaintiff or plaintiff's<br>attorney. Me. R. Civ. P. 3. | 6 Years (Product Liability)<br>14 M.R.S.A. § 752<br><u>Personal Injury</u> :<br>6 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>14 M.R.S.A. § 752<br><u>Property Damage</u> :<br>4 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>11 M.R.S.A. § 725                    | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years after "substantial<br>completion" of the project or services<br>rendered, but no more than 4 years after<br>discovery of malpractice or negligence of<br>architect or engineer. 14 M.R.S.A. § 752-A.<br><u>Products</u> : None. |
| MARYLAND | 3 Years<br>Md. Cts. & Jud. Proc.<br>Code § 5-101 | 3 Years<br>Md. Cts. & Jud.<br>Proc. Code § 5-101<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>Earlier of 5 years<br>after injury date or<br>3 years after injury<br>discovered.                              | Plaintiff must serve defendant<br>with process within 60 days after<br>the clerk issues the summons (Md.<br>Rule 2-113) or 30 days after clerk<br>issues the summons for district<br>court (Md. Rule 3-113). If the<br>service of process time period has<br>expired, plaintiff may make a<br>written request to renew the<br>summons (Md. Rule 2-113 and 3-<br>113).  | 3 Years (Product Liability)<br>Md. Cts. & Jud. Proc.<br>Code § 5-101; <i>Phipps v.</i><br><i>General Motors Corp.</i> ,<br>363 A.2d 955, 962 (Md.<br>1976).<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years)<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Md. Com. Law Code § 2-<br>725 | <u>Construction</u> : 20 years for improvement to<br>real property. 10 years for actions against<br>architect, professional engineer or<br>contractor related to improvement to real<br>property. Md. Code Ann. § 5-108.<br><u>Products</u> : None.            |

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| MASSACHUSETTS | 3 Years<br>Mass. Ann. Laws Ch.<br>260 §§ 2A and 4;<br>Mass. Ann. Laws Ch.<br>106 §§ 2-318   | 3 Years<br>Mass. Ann. Laws<br>Ch. 260 §§ 2A and<br>4  | Service of the summons upon the defendant is required within 90 days after filing of the complaint. Unless the serving party can show good cause why such service was not made within that period, the action shall be dismissed without prejudice. Mass. R. Civ. P. 4 (j).  | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Mass. Ann. Laws Ch. 260<br>§§ 2A and 4<br>3 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Mass. Ann. Laws Ch. 106<br>§ 2-318 | Construction: 6 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property and owner taking possession of<br>improvement. Mass. Ann. Laws Ch. 260 §<br>2B.<br>Products: None.  |
| MICHIGAN      | 3 Years<br>M.C.L.A. §<br>600.5805(10)<br>If insured auto<br>involved, action<br>against no-fault carrier<br>must be filed in one<br>year. M.C.L.A. §<br>500.3145. | 3 Years<br>M.C.L.A. §<br>600.5805(10)<br>If insured auto<br>involved, action<br>against no-fault<br>carrier must be<br>filed in one year.<br>M.C.L.A. §<br>500.3145.<br>One year after<br>accident to make<br>first-party PIP<br>claim. M.C.L.A. §<br>500.3145<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>Two years or 6<br>months after injury<br>discovered<br>M.C.L.A. §§<br>600.5805(6),<br>600.5838. | The SOL is tolled only when the complaint is filed and if any of the M.C.L.A. § 600.5856 requirements are met: (1) at the time the complaint is filed, the defendant is served, (2) jurisdiction over the Defendant is acquired in some other way, (3) proper notice is given to the defendant in compliance with M.C.L.A. § 600.2912b (Medical Malpractice actions). Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 600.5856.<br>A summons expires 91 days after the date the summons is issued. However, on a showing of due diligence by plaintiff in attempting to serve the original summons, the judge may order a second summons to issue for a definite period not exceeding one year from the date the summons is issued. Mich. Ct. R. 2.102 | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>M.C.L.A. § 600.5805(13)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>M.C.L.A. § 440.2725                   | <u>Construction</u> : An action arising out of the defective and unsafe condition of an improvement to real property against an architect, professional engineer, or contractor, must be brought within 6 years after occupancy, use, or acceptance of the improvement, or 1 year after defect is discovered. M.C.L.A. § 600.5839(1)(a). If defect results from gross negligence of architect or engineer, action must be brought within 1 year after defect discovered. No such action can be brought more than 10 years after substantial completion, use, or acceptance of improvement. M.C.L.A. § 600.5839(1)(b). Products: None. |

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| MINNESOTA | 6 Years<br>M.S.A. § 541.05 | Intentional Acts:<br>2 Years<br>M.S.A. § 541.07<br>Wrongful Death:<br>3 Years<br>M.S.A. § 573.02<br>Negligence Claims:<br>6 Years<br>M.S.A. § 541.05<br>subd. 1(5)<br>Med Malpractice:<br>4 Years<br>M.S.A. §<br>541.076(b)<br>Legal Malpractice:<br>6 Years<br>M.S.A. § 541.05 | A civil action is commenced: (a)<br>when the summons is served upon<br>a defendant; or (b) at the date of<br>signing of a waiver of service<br>pursuant to Rule 4.05; or (c) when<br>the summons is delivered to the<br>sheriff in the county where the<br>defendant resides for service; but<br>such delivery shall be ineffectual<br>unless within 60 days thereafter<br>the summons is actually served on<br>that defendant or the first<br>publication thereof is made. Minn.<br>R. Civ. P. 3.01. Rule 3.01 makes<br>clear that delivery to a private<br>process server is not effective to<br>commence an action upon<br>delivery of a summons regardless<br>of whether service is actually<br>made 60 days thereafter. In such a<br>case, service is effective, but the<br>action is deemed commenced as<br>of the date service is actually<br>made. Minn. R. Civ. P. 3.0,<br>Advisory Committee Note – 1985.<br>There is a 60-day grace period<br>when the summons is delivered to<br>the sheriff in the county in which<br>the defendant resides for service.<br><i>Johnson v. Husebye</i> , 469 N.W.2d<br>742, 745 (Minn. App. 1991). | Strict Product Liability:<br>4 Years (Product Liability)<br>M.S.A. § 541.05 subd.2<br>Breach of Warranty:<br>4 Years (Product Liability)<br>M.S.A. § 336.2-725(1)<br>Negligence-Based:<br>6 Years (Product Liability)<br>M.S.A. § 541.05(5)<br>4 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>M.S.A. § 336.2-725(1) | Construction: 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. M.S.A. § 541.051. Two years after<br>discovery of defective improvement to real<br>property, but no more than 12 years after<br>substantial completion, unless negligent<br>"maintenance, operation, or inspection of<br>the real property improvement." M.S.A. §<br>541.051(1)(d).<br>Products: None. |

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| MISSISSIPPI | 3 Years<br>M.C.A. § 15-1-49               | 3 Years<br>M.C.A. § 15-1-49<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years<br>M.C.A. § 15-1-36   | Filing a complaint tolls the<br>applicable SOL for 120 days, but if<br>the plaintiff fails to serve the<br>defendant within those 120 days,<br>the SOL automatically begins to<br>run again. <i>Watters v. Stripling</i> , 675<br>So.2d 1242, 1244 (Miss. 1996).<br>Service of summons upon a<br>defendant is required within 120<br>days after filing of the complaint<br>and the party on whose behalf<br>such service was required cannot<br>show good cause why such service<br>was not made within that period,<br>the action shall be dismissed as to<br>that defendant without prejudice<br>upon the court's own initiative<br>with notice to such party or upon<br>motion. M.R.C.P. 4 (h) | 3 Years (Product Liability)<br>M.C.A. § 15-1-49<br><u>Breach of Contract for</u><br><u>Sale</u> : 6 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>M.C.A. § 75-2-725<br><u>Unwritten Contracts</u> :<br>3 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>M.C.A. 15-1-29 | <u>Construction</u> : 6 years from written<br>acceptance or actual occupancy for design<br>or construction of improvement to real<br>property. M.C.A. § 15-1-41.<br><u>Products</u> : None.  |
| MISSOURI    | 5 Years<br>Mo. Rev. Stat. §<br>516.120(4) | 5 Years<br>Mo. Rev. Stat. §<br>516.120(4)<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years<br>Mo. Rev. Stat. §<br>516.105<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>3 Years<br>Mo. Rev. Stat. §<br>537.100 | Only the filing of a petition with<br>the court is required to commence<br>an action. Mo. Sup. Ct. R. 53.01.<br>Diligent service of process is not a<br>factor in considering whether an<br>action has been commenced<br>within the SOL. Ostermueller v.<br>Potter, 868 S.W.2d 110 (Mo.<br>1993). If process cannot be served<br>it shall be returned to the court<br>within 30 days after the date of<br>issue with a statement of the<br>reason for failure to serve same.<br>However, the time for service may<br>be extended up to 90 days from<br>the date of issue by order of the<br>court. Mo. Sup. Ct. R. 54.21.   | 5 Years (Product Liability)<br>Mo. Rev. Stat. § 516.120<br>5 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>Mo. Rev. Stat. § 516.120  | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years for actions for<br>improvement to real property. This applies<br>only to persons who perform or furnish, in<br>whole or in part, the design, planning or<br>construction, including architectural,<br>engineering or construction services, of<br>improvement. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 516.097.<br><u>Products</u> : None. |

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| MONTANA  | 2 Years<br>Mont. Stat. § 27-2-207<br>(If property damage<br>caused by tort, 3-year<br>SOL may apply under<br>§ 27-2-204. <i>Ritland v.</i><br><i>Rowe</i> , 861 P.2d 175<br>(Mont. 1993)). | 3 Years<br>Mont. Stat. § 27-2-<br>204(1),(2)   | Only the filing of a petition with<br>the court is required to commence<br>an action. M. R. Civ. P. 3. Plaintiffs<br>can file a complaint prior to the<br>SOL and serve it within a<br>reasonable time thereafter. <i>Beedie</i><br><i>v. Shelley</i> , 187 Mont. 556, 561, 610<br>P.2d 713, 716 (1980).<br>A plaintiff must accomplish service<br>within three years after filing a<br>complaint. Absent an appearance<br>by defendant(s), the court, upon<br>motion or on its own initiative,<br>must dismiss an action without<br>prejudice if the plaintiff fails to do<br>so. M. R. Civ. P. 4. | Strict Liability Claims:<br>3 Years (Product Liability)<br>Mont. Stat. § 27-2-202<br><u>Negligence Resulting in</u><br><u>Personal Injury</u> :<br>3 Years (Product Liability)<br>Mont. Stat. § 27-2-202<br><u>Negligence Resulting in</u><br><u>Property Damage</u> :<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br>Mont. Stat. § 27-2-207<br><u>Breach of Express</u><br><u>Warranty</u> : 4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>Mont. Stat. § 30-2-725<br><u>Breach of Implied</u><br><u>Warranty</u> : 3 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br><i>Bennett v. Dow Chem.</i><br><i>Co.</i> , 713 P.2d 992 (Mont.<br>1986). | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from completion of<br>improvement of real property. This has<br>been interpreted to apply to damage<br>caused by a defective product that is<br>related to the improvement. Mont. Stat. §<br>27-2-208.<br><u>Products</u> : None.                                    |
| NEBRASKA | 4 Years<br>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-<br>207  | 4 Years<br>Neb. Rev. Stat. §<br>25-207<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> : 2<br>Years. Neb. Rev.<br>Stat. §§ 30-809 and<br>30-810<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>Two years from<br>injury date or one<br>year from date<br>injury was<br>discovered. Neb.<br>Rev. Stat. § 25-222. | Each defendant should be<br>properly served within 180 days of<br>the commencement of the action.<br>If the action is stayed or enjoined<br>during this 180-day period, then<br>any defendant who was not<br>properly served before the action<br>was stayed or enjoined must be<br>properly served within 90 days<br>after the stay or injunction is<br>terminated or modified so as to<br>allow the action to proceed. Neb.<br>Rev. Stat. Ann. §25-217.   | 4 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-<br>224(1)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-725  | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years for actions for<br>breach of warranty for improvement to real<br>property. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-223.<br><u>Products</u> : 10 years from manufacture date.<br>If not, foreign state's repose applies, but<br>not less than 10 years. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-<br>224(2). |

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| NEVADA           | 3 Years<br>N.R.S. § 11.190                    | 2 Years<br>N.R.S. § 11.190<br><u>Action Against</u><br><u>HealthCare</u><br><u>Provider</u> : 3 Years<br>from injury date or<br>one year from<br>discovery date.<br>N.R.S. § 41A.097(2) | The summons and complaint must<br>be served upon a defendant no<br>later than 120 days after the<br>complaint is filed unless the court<br>grants an extension of time under<br>this rule. Nev. R. Civ. P. 4. Service<br>can be completed within this 120-<br>day period even after the SOL has<br>run. <i>Mizzoni v. Nevada</i> , 2016 WL<br>5620321 (Nev. App. Sept. 27,<br>2016).       | 4 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>N.R.S. § 11.190<br>Breach of Express<br>Warranty: 6 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>N.R.S. § 11.190<br>Breach of Implied<br>Warranty: 4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>N.R.S. § 11.190 | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from "substantial<br>completion" of improvement to real<br>property. N.R.S. § 11.202(1). Exception for<br>fraud. N.R.S. § 11.202(2). Nevada has<br>adopted the definition of the term<br>"substantial completion" offered by the<br>American Institute of Architects (AIA). ,An<br>improvement is "substantially complete"<br>pursuant to the common law at "the stage<br>in the progress of the Work when the Work<br>or designated portion thereof is sufficiently<br>complete in accordance with the Contract<br>Documents so that the Owner can occupy<br>or utilize the Work for its intended use."<br><i>Owners Ass'n v. Somersett Dev. Co.</i> , 492<br>P.3d 534 (Nev. 2021).<br>The statute of repose applies to either (1)<br>injury to real or personal property or (2)<br>injury to or the wrongful death of a person.<br><u>Products</u> : None. |
| NEW<br>HAMPSHIRE | 3 Years<br>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §<br>508:4(I) | 3 Years<br>N.H. Rev. Stat.<br>Ann. § 508:4(I)   | An action shall be deemed<br>commenced on the date the<br>complaint is filed. N.H. Super. Ct.<br>R. CIV 4. Plaintiff will serve the<br>summons and complaint on the<br>defendant no later than the court-<br>ordered deadline for service. Proof<br>of service shall be filed with the<br>court within 21 days of the court-<br>ordered deadline for service. N.H.<br>Super. Ct. R. CIV 4. | 3 Years (Product Liability)<br>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §<br>508:4(1)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §<br>382-A:2-725   | <u>Construction</u> : 8 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 508: 4-b.<br><u>Products</u> : 12 years statute of repose under<br>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 507-D:2 found to be<br>unconstitutional under <i>Heath v. Sears,</i><br><i>Roebuck &amp; Co.</i> , 123 N.H. 512 (1983).   |

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| NEW JERSEY | 6 Years<br>N.J.S.A. §§ 2A:14-1 | 2 Years<br>N.J.S.A. § 2A:14-2 | Summons must be issued within<br>15 days of the Track Assignment<br>Notice or the court has the<br>discretion to dismiss the case. The<br>dismissal will be without<br>prejudice. R.R. 4:4-1 and 4:372(a).                                    | <u>Personal Injury</u> :<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br><i>Dziewiecki v. Bakula</i> , 180<br>N.J. 528, 533, 853 A.2d<br>234, 237 (2004); N.J.S.A. §<br>2A:14-2<br><u>Personal Property</u> :<br>6 Years (Product Liability)<br><i>Heavner v. Uniroyal</i> , Inc.,<br>63 N.J. 130, 305 A.2d 412<br>(1973); N.J.S.A. § 2A:14-1<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>N.J.S.A. § 12A:2-725 | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from completion of<br>improvement to real property. N.J.S.A. §<br>2A: 14-1.1.<br><u>Products</u> : None.        |
| NEW MEXICO | 4 Years<br>N.M.S.A. § 37-1-4   | 3 Years<br>N.M.S.A. § 37-1-8  | The SOL is tolled by filing suit; but<br>court, in its discretion may dismiss<br>a case for failure to use due<br>diligence in the prosecution of his<br>suit or getting service. <i>Baker v.</i><br><i>Sojka</i> , 396 P.2d 195 (N.M. 1964). | Personal Injury:<br>3 Years (Product Liability)<br>N.M.S.A. § 37-1-8<br>Property Damage:<br>4 Years (Products<br>Liability)<br>N.M.S.A. § 37-1-4<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>N.M.S.A. § 55-2-725(1);<br>Fernandez v. Char-Li-Jon,<br>Inc., 888 P.2d 471, 474<br>(N.M. Ct. App. 1994).  | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. N.M.S.A. § 37-1-27.<br><u>Products:</u> None |

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| NEW YORK | 3 Years<br>N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214, <i>et</i><br>seq. | 3 Years<br>N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214,<br>et seq.<br>Wrongful Death:<br>2 Years<br>N.Y. Est. Powers &<br>Trusts Law § 5-4.1<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years and 6<br>Months<br>(N.Y. C.P.L.R. §<br>214-a) | Must get service of process within<br>120 days of filing. If suit is filed less<br>than 120 days prior to SOL<br>running, service must be<br>effectuated within 15 days of the<br>SOL running. The court has<br>discretion to extend this deadline.<br>N.Y. CPLR § 306-b.<br>Plaintiff can move via an Order to<br>Show Cause for an extension of<br>this time period. The court can<br>extend the time for service "upon<br>good cause shown or in the<br>interest justice." N.Y. C.P.L.R. §<br>306-b. A showing of reasonable<br>diligence is one factor to be<br>considered by the Court. "Good<br>cause" and "the interest of<br>justice" are two separate<br>standards that govern an<br>extension of the time for service,<br>and both may consider diligence.<br>However, it is only the former<br>standard that requires reasonable<br>diligence as a threshold matter;<br>"the interest of justice" may<br>consider a wider range of factors.<br><i>Leader v. Maroney, Ponzini &amp;</i><br><i>Spencer</i> , 97 N.Y.2d 95 (2001). | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214, et seq.<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Contract)<br>N.Y. U.C.C. § 2-725(1) | <u>Construction</u> : No statute of repose, but<br>after 10 years, notice of suit must be given<br>to party responsible for professional<br>performance (engineers and architects).<br>N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214-d. Six-year SOL for<br>construction defects runs from the date of<br>completion of the project. <i>City School<br/>District of Newburgh v. Hugh Stubbins &amp;</i><br><i>Associates</i> , 85 N.Y.2d 535 (N.Y. App. 1995).<br>No statute of repose for construction<br>claims, only breach of contract SOL by the<br>owner (six years from project completion)<br>and for parties other than the owner (three<br>years from the date injury).<br><u>Products</u> : None. |

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| NORTH<br>CAROLINA | 3 Years<br>N.C.G.S.A. § 1-52(1)-<br>(5) | 3 Years<br>N.C.G.S.A. § 1-<br>52(1)-(5); <i>Nelson v.</i><br><i>Patrick</i> , 293 S.E.2d<br>829 (N.C. 1982).<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>2 Years<br>N.C.G.S.A. § 1-<br>53(4)   | Summons must be issued within<br>five days of filing suit. Summons<br>must be served within 60 days.<br>The deadline can be extended.<br>N.C.G.S.A. § 1A–1, Rule 4(a).  | 3 years<br>(Product Liability)<br>N.C.G.S.A. § 1-52(16)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty) N.C.G.S.A. §<br>25-2-725(1) but 3 Years<br>when personal injury or<br>property damage other<br>than to product itself.<br>N.C.G.S.A. § 1-52(1)-(5). | <u>Construction</u> : 6 years after "last act of defendant" or "substantial completion" by the improvement. N.C.G.S.A. § 1-50.<br><u>Products</u> : 12 years after "initial purchase" by end user. N.C.G.S.A. § 1-46.1(1).  |
| NORTH<br>DAKOTA   | 6 Years<br>N.D.C.C. § 28-01-16          | 6 Years<br>N.D.C.C. § 28-01-<br>16(5)<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years, possibly<br>extend to 6 Years,<br>based on discovery<br>date. N.D.C.C. §<br>28-01-18(3).<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>2 Years<br>N.D.C.C. § 28-01-<br>18(4) | Action is not commenced until<br>served. It is commenced when<br>summons is delivered to: (1)<br>Sheriff/other officer of county<br>defendants usually or last resided;<br>or (2) Sheriff/other officer, if a<br>corporation is defendant, of<br>county of principal place of<br>business of such corporation, or<br>where business was transacted, or<br>where it kept an office for the<br>transaction of business. N.D.C.C. §<br>28-01-38. | 6 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>N.D.C.C. § 28-01-16(5)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>N.D.C.C. § 41-02-104(1)   | Construction: 10 years for improvement to<br>real property, but it does not apply to<br>manufacturers or suppliers of products<br>used in the improvement. N.D.C.C. § 28-01-<br>44.<br><u>Products</u> : 10 years from initial purchase of<br>useful consumption or 11 years from<br>manufacture date. N.D.C.C. § 28-01.3-08. |

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| ОНІО     | 2 Years<br>O.R.C.A. § 2305.10(A)             | 2 Years<br>O.R.C.A. §<br>2305.10(A)<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>1 Year<br>O.R.C.A. §<br>2305.113(A) | A civil action is commenced by<br>filing a complaint with the court if<br>service is obtained within one year<br>from such filing upon a named<br>defendant. Ohio Civ. R. 3.   | 2 Years (Product Liability)<br>O.R.C.A. § 2305.10(A)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>O.R.C.A. § 2305.09(D)<br>Implied warranty of<br>fitness for a particular<br>purpose arises out of tort,<br>even if it involves the<br>building or repair of a<br>house.<br>Breach of Written<br>Contract<br>(8 years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>O.R.C.A. § 2305.06. | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. If defect discovered less than two<br>years before expiration of 10-year period<br>may bring action within two years from<br>discovery. O.R.C.A. § 2305.131.<br><u>Products</u> : 10 years from delivery date to<br>first purchaser unless warranty longer.<br>O.R.C.A. § 2305.10. |
| OKLAHOMA | 2 Years<br>Okla. Stat. Ann. Tit.<br>12, § 95 | 2 Years<br>Okla. Stat. Ann. Tit.<br>12, § 95   | If service of process is not made<br>upon a defendant within 180 days<br>after the filing of the petition and<br>the plaintiff has not shown good<br>cause why such service was not<br>made within that period, the<br>action shall be deemed dismissed<br>as to that defendant without<br>prejudice. Title 12 O.S. 2011 §<br>2004(I). | 2 Years (Product Liability)<br>Okla. Stat. Ann. Tit. 12, §<br>95<br>5 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>Okla. Stat. Ann. Tit. 12A, §<br>2-725  | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. 12 Okla. Stat. Ann. Tit. 12 § 109.<br><u>Products</u> : None.  |

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| OREGON | 6 years for damage to<br>personal property.<br>O.R.S. § 12.080(3)<br>2 years for negligent<br>damage to real<br>property. O.R.S. §<br>12.110(1)<br>(Except actions based<br>on conversion and<br>actions involving<br>trespass or waste,<br>which is 6 years.<br>O.R.S. § 12.080(3), (4);<br><i>Goodwin v. Kingsmen</i><br><i>Plastering, Inc.,</i> 359<br>Or. 694, 696, 375 P.3d<br>463, 465 (2016)). | 2 Years<br>O.R.S. § 12.110(1)<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>3 Years<br>O.R.S. § 30.020(1) | An action is deemed to be<br>commenced as to each defendant,<br>when the complaint is filed, and<br>the summons served on the<br>defendant. This can be extended if<br>service occurs within 60 days of<br>filing. O.R.S. § 12.020. | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>O.R.S. § 30.905(1-3)<br>4 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>O.R.S. § 72.7250(1) (If<br>claim arises from<br>contractual obligations of<br>the parties and not from<br>a defect in goods.)<br>Weston v. Camp's Lumber<br>& Bldg. Supply, 135 P.3d<br>331 (Or. App. 2006);<br>Smith v. Ethicon, Inc.,<br>2021 WL 3578681 (D. Or.<br>2021).<br>A breach of warranty<br>claim has a 2-year SOL<br>under §30.905 "if the<br>claim arose directly out of<br>defendant's failure to<br>provide the very thing<br>that it had promised to<br>sell to the plaintiffs."<br>Gladhart v. Oregon<br>Vineyard Supply Co., 26<br>P3d 817 (Or. 2001). | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. O.R.S. § 12.135.<br><u>Products</u> : Suits claiming personal injuries or<br>property damage must be filed before the<br>later of (A) 10 years from date product was<br>purchased for use or consumption, or (B)<br>expiration of statute of repose for an<br>equivalent civil action in the state in which<br>product was manufactured, or, if product<br>was manufactured in foreign country,<br>expiration of statute of repose for an<br>equivalent civil action in the state which<br>product was imported. O.R.S. § 30.905(2).<br>Death cases must be brought within 3 years<br>after death or 10 years after product was<br>purchased, whichever comes first. O.R.S. §<br>30.905(3). |

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| PENNSYLVANIA | 2 Years<br>42 P.S. § 5524  | 2 Years<br>42 P.S. § 5524        | Original process must be served<br>within 30 days after the issuance<br>of the writ or the filing of the<br>complaint. Pa. R. Civ. P. 401.   | 2 Years (Product Liability)<br>42 P.S. §5524<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>42 P.S. § 5525  | <u>Construction</u> : 12 years from substantial completion of improvement, but it generally doesn't apply to manufacturers. Period extended to 14 years if injury occurred between 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> year after completion of improvement. 42 P.S. § 5536; <i>Venema v. Moser Builders, Inc.,</i> 2022 WL 4860130 (Pa. Super. 2022). <u>Products</u> : None. |
| RHODE ISLAND | 10 Years<br>Romano v.<br>Westinghouse Elec.<br>Co., 336 A.2d 555 (R.I.<br>1975). | 3 Years<br>R.I.G.L. § 9-1-14 (b) | If the summons and complaint,<br>and all other required documents<br>are not served within 120 days<br>after suit filed, the court upon<br>motion or on its own (after notice<br>to the plaintiff) shall dismiss the<br>action without prejudice as to that<br>defendant or (if good cause<br>shown) direct that service be<br>effected within a specified time.<br>The court shall extend the time for<br>service for an appropriate period.<br>RI. R. Civ. P. 4. | Personal Injury:3 Years (Product Liability)R.I.G.L. § 9-1-14 (b)Property Damage:10 Years (ProductLiability)R.I.G.L. § 9-1-13(a)Personal Injury:3 Years (Breach ofWarranty)R.I.G.L. § 9-1-14 (b),unless a direct buyerseller relationship exists.If so, the U.C.C. four-yearSOL applies. Nappi v. JohnDeere & Co., 717 A.2d650 (R.I. 1998).Property Damage:10 Years (Breach ofWarranty)R.I.G.L. § 9-1-13(a) | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. R.I.G.L. §9-1-29.<br><u>Products</u> : 10-year statute found<br>unconstitutional. <i>Kennedy v. Cumberland</i> ,<br>471 A.2d 195 (R.I. 1984).  |

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| SOUTH<br>CAROLINA | 3 Years<br>S.C. Code Ann. §§ 15-<br>3-530, 15-3-535 | 3 Years<br>S.C. Code Ann. §§<br>15-3-530, 15-3-<br>535, 15-3-545                                    | Summons and complaint must be<br>completed no later than 120 days<br>after suit filed. S.C. R. Civ. P.<br>3(a)(2).  | 3 Years (Product Liability)<br>S.C. Code Ann. §§ 15-3-<br>530, 15-3-535<br>6 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>S.C. Code Ann. § 36-2-725 | <u>Construction</u> : 8 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. S.C. Code Ann. § 15-3-640.<br><u>Products</u> : None.   |
| SOUTH DAKOTA      | 6 Years<br>S.D.C.L. § 15-2-13(4)                    | 3 Years<br>S.D.C.L. § 15-2-<br>14(3)<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years<br>S.D.C.L. § 15-2-14.1 | An action is "commenced" by the service of a summons on the defendant. S.D.C.L. § 315-2-30. Constructive "commencement" of an action and an extension of time for service for 60 days arises when the summons is "delivered", with the intent that it actually be served, to the sheriff. <i>Meisel v. Piggly Wiggly Co.</i> , 418 N.W.2d 321 (S.D. 1988); S.D.C.L. § 315-2-31. | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>S.D.C.L. § 15-2-12.2<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>S.D.C.L. § 57A-2-725           | <u>Construction</u> : 10 Years from substantial<br>completion of improvement. If injury<br>occurs during 10 <sup>th</sup> year after substantial<br>completion, action may be brought within<br>one year after injury, but not more than 11<br>years after substantial completion. S.D.C.L.<br>§ 15-2A-3.<br><u>Products</u> : None. |

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| TENNESSEE | 3 Years<br>T.C.A. § 28-3-105 | 1 Year<br>T.C.A. § 28-3-104 | Action commenced by filing<br>complaint, but if process remains<br>unserved for 90 days, plaintiff<br>must obtain new process within<br>one year. Tenn. R. Civ. Pro. 3 and<br>4.03. | Personal Injury:<br>1 Year (Product Liability)<br>T.C.A. § 28-3-104<br><u>Property Damage</u> :<br>3 Years (Product Liability)<br>T.C.A. § 28-3-105<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>T.C.A. § 47-2-725(1) | <u>Construction</u> : 4 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. If injury occurred during 4 <sup>th</sup> year<br>after substantial completion, action must<br>be brought in one year after injury. Action<br>involving real estate must be brought<br>within five years after substantial<br>completion. T.C.A. § 28-3-202. If the loss<br>occurs in the 4 <sup>th</sup> year, repose runs one year<br>from the date of loss. T.C.A. § 28-3-203.<br>Exceptions: Fraud or person in possession<br>as owner or tenant of property. T.C.A. § 28-<br>3-205. "Improvement to real property," not<br>defined but courts have several<br>approaches. <i>Cartwright v. Presley</i> , 2007 WL<br>161042 (Tenn. App. 2007). (1) a common-<br>law fixture analysis, (2) the common-sense<br>approach, and (3) as in Black's Law<br>Dictionary. <i>State Farm Fire &amp; Cas. Co. v.</i><br><i>Pentair Filtration, Inc.</i> , 2011 WL 2118658<br>(E.D. Tenn. 2011).<br><u>Products</u> : Shorter of 10 years from first<br>purchase date or use or within one year<br>from expiration of useful life. T.C.A. § 29-<br>28-103. |

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| TEXAS | 2 Years<br>Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem.<br>Code Ann. § 16.003   | 2 Years<br>Tex. Civ. Prac. &<br>Rem. Code Ann. §<br>16.003   | Must "bring suit" on claim within<br>limitations period. To "bring suit"<br>means to both file suit within that<br>period and use "due diligence" to<br>serve the defendant with process.<br><i>Molina v. Gears</i> , 2018 WL 1404340<br>(Tex. AppHouston. [14 <sup>th</sup> Dist.]<br>2018). | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem.<br>Code Ann. § 16.003<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>Tex. Bus. & Com. Code<br>Ann. § 2.725<br>Implied warranty of<br>merchantability is<br>restricted to merchants.<br>§2.314(a).<br>SOL is four years on a<br>breach of warranty claim.<br>§2.725(b). but only two<br>years on strict liability.<br>§16.003. | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §<br>16.008. If claim during 10-year period,<br>extended for two years from date of claim.<br>If injury occurs during 10 <sup>th</sup> year, may sue up<br>to two years after accrual. Tex. Civ. Prac. &<br>Rem. Code § 16.009.<br><u>Products</u> : 15 years from sale unless<br>manufacturer says useful life is longer. Tex.<br>Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 16.012. |
| UTAH  | 3 Years<br>U.C.A. § 78B-2-305(1)<br><u>Improvements to Real</u><br><u>Property</u> :<br>2 Years<br>U.C.A. § 76B-2-225 | 4 Years<br>U.C.A. § 78B-2-<br>307(3)<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>2 Years<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years<br>U.C.A. § 78B-2-<br>304(2) and U.C.A. §<br>78(B)-3-404 | Summons and complaint in an action commenced under Rule 3(a)(1) must be served no later than 120 days after the complaint is filed, unless the court orders a different period under Rule 6. Utah R. Civ. Pro. 3(a).  | Personal Injury:<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br>U.C.A. § 78B-6-706<br>Property Damage:<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br>U.C.A. § 78B-6-706<br>Personal Injury: 4 Years<br>(Breach of Warranty)<br>U.C.A. § 78B-2-307(3)<br>Property Damage:<br>3 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>U.C.A. § 78B-2-305(1)   | <u>Construction</u> : If breach of contract or<br>warranty case, six years from completion.<br>All others two years from discovery or<br>reasonable discoverability but not more<br>than nine years. If discovered in 8 <sup>th</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup><br>year, then 2 additional years. U.C.A. § 78B-<br>2-225.<br><u>Products</u> : None.  |

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| VERMONT | 3 Years<br>Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 12, §<br>512(5) | 3 Years<br>Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit.<br>12, § 512(4)<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>2 Years<br>Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit.<br>14, § 1492<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>Later of 3 years<br>from incident or 2<br>years from<br>discovery. Vt. Stat.<br>Ann. Tit. 12, § 521. | When action commenced by filing,<br>summons and complaint must be<br>served upon the defendant within<br>60 days after the filing of the<br>complaint.<br>When an action is commenced by<br>service, complaint must be filed<br>within 21 days after the<br>completion of service. Vt. Ru. Civ.<br>P. 3. | 3 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 12, §<br>512(4), (5)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 9A, § 2-<br>725 | <u>Construction</u> : 6 years after cause of action<br>arises where "Common Interest Ownership<br>community (condominium, planned<br>community, or real estate cooperative)<br>involved." Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 27A, § 4-<br>116(a).<br><u>Products</u> : None. |

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| VIRGINIA | 5 Years<br>Va. St. § 8.01-243(B) | 2 Years<br>Va. St. § 8.01-<br>243(A) | Service of process in an action or<br>suit within 12 months of<br>commencement of the action is<br>timely as to that defendant.<br>After 12 months, service is timely<br>upon a finding by the court that<br>the plaintiff exercised due<br>diligence to have timely service<br>made on the defendant. Va. St. §<br>8.01-275.1. | Personal Injury:<br>2 Years (Product Liability)<br>Va. St. § 8.01-243(A)<br>Property Damage:<br>5 Years (Product Liability)<br>Va. St. § 8.01-243(B)<br>4 Years if property<br>subject to contract is<br>damaged. Va. St. § 8.2-<br>725.<br>U.C.C.<br>(2 Years)<br>Property Damage:<br>4 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty) Va. St. § 8.1A-<br>101, et seq. and Va. St. §<br>8.2-725 (Property Subject<br>to Contract)<br>Personal Injury:<br>2 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>Va. St. §§ 8.01-243, 8.01-<br>246 | <u>Construction</u> : 5 years for improvement to<br>real property for injuries resulting from<br>ordinary building materials. The statute<br>excludes manufacturers or suppliers of<br>equipment or machinery installed in real<br>property. Va. St. § 8.01-250.<br><u>Products</u> : None. |

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| WASHINGTON    | Intentional Acts:<br>2 Years<br>R.C.W.A. § 4.16.100<br><u>Negligence Claim</u> :<br>3 Years<br>R.C.W.A. § 4.16.080 | Intentional Acts:<br>2 Years<br>R.C.W.A. §<br>4.16.100<br><u>Negligence Claims</u> :<br>3 Years<br>R.C.W.A. §<br>4.16.080<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>Later of 3 years<br>from date of act or<br>1 year from<br>discovery of injury.<br>R.C.W.A. §<br>4.16.350 | Action deemed commenced when<br>complaint is filed, or summons is<br>served. Service must be had within<br>90 days from the date complaint<br>filed. If action commenced by<br>service, plaintiff must file the<br>summons and complaint within 90<br>days from the date of service.<br>Otherwise, action will not be<br>deemed commenced for purposes<br>of SOL. R.C.W.A. § 4.16.170. | 3 Years (Product Liability)<br>R.C.W.A. § 7.72.060(3)<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>R.C.W.A. § 62A.2-725            | <u>Construction</u> : 6 years from substantial<br>completion of construction on<br>improvement to real property. This<br>specifically does not apply to product<br>manufacturers. R.C.W.A. § 4.16.310;<br>R.C.W.A. § 4.16.300.<br><u>Products</u> : After 12 years, rebuttable<br>presumption that useful safe life has<br>expired. |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 2 Years<br>W. Va. Code § 55-2-12   | 2 Years<br>W. Va. Code § 55-<br>2-12  | Service must be done within 120<br>days after filing complaint. Court<br>can extend the time. Rule 4.<br>Summons, W.V. R. Civ. Proc. 4(k).   | 2 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>W. Va. Code § 55-2-12<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>W. Va. Code § 46-2-<br>725(1) | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from occupying or<br>acceptance of real property by owner for<br>actions arising out of the planning, design,<br>surveying, observation or supervision of<br>any construction to real property. W. Va.<br>Code § 55-2-6a.<br><u>Products</u> : None.   |

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|       | 6 Years (Non-Auto)<br>Wis. Stat. § 893.52(1)<br>3 Years (Auto)<br>Wis. Stat. § 893.52(2).<br>Action for property<br>damage (real or<br>personal), which<br>accrues prior to<br>2/6/16, must be<br>brought within six (6)<br>years after the cause<br>of action accrues. Wis.<br>Stat. § 893.52(1). For<br>actions after 2/6/16 if<br>property damages are<br>caused by a motor<br>vehicle, action must<br>be brought within<br>three (3) years. Wis.<br>Stat. § 893.52(2). | Non-Auto Bodily<br>Injury:<br>3 Years (auto and<br>non-auto)<br>Wis. Stat. §<br>893.54(1m)<br>Assault/Battery/Lib<br>el/Slander/Intentio<br>nal Act: 3 Years,<br>Wis. Stat. § 893.54.<br>Death Arising from<br>Accident Involving<br>Motor Vehicle<br>occurring on or<br>after 2/6/16: 2<br>Years from<br>accident date – not<br>death. Wis. Stat. §<br>893.54(2m); Christ<br>v. Exxon Mobil<br>Corp., 866 N.W.2d<br>602 (Wis. 2015).<br>Death Arising from<br>Accident Involving<br>Motor Vehicle<br>occurring prior to<br>2/6/16: 3 Years<br>from date of<br>accident.<br>UM/UIM Claim: 3<br>Years from the<br>resolution date of<br>the underlying<br>claim against at-<br>fault tortfeasor.<br>Wis. Stat. §<br>893.42(2).<br>8 inter S form | A civil action in which a personal judgment is sought is commenced as to any defendant when a summons and complaint naming the person as defendant are filed with the court, provided service of an authenticated copy of the summons and of the complaint is made upon the defendant under this chapter within 90 days after filing. Wis. Stat. § 801.02(1); Ness v. Digital Dial Comm'ns, Inc., 596 N.W.2d 365 (Wis. 1999). | Personal Injury:<br>3 Years (Product Liability)<br>Wis. Stat. § 893.54<br>Wrongful Death Arising<br>from Accident Involving<br>Motor Vehicle and loss<br>occurs after 2/6/16: 2<br>Years (Product Liability),<br>Wis. Stat. § 893.54(2m)<br>Property Damage:<br>6 Years (Product Liability)<br>Wis. Stat. § 893.52<br>6 Years (Breach of<br>Warranty)<br>Selzer v. Brunsell Bros.,<br>652 N.W.2d 806 (Wis.<br>App. 2002). | Construction: 7 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. Does not apply to the<br>manufacturer or producer of the material<br>used in an improvement to real property.<br>Wis. Stat. § 893.89.<br>Products: 15 years from date of<br>manufacture, unless manufacturer makes a<br>specific representation that product will<br>last longer than 15 years. Product liability<br>statute of repose applies only to causes of<br>action commenced on or after February 1,<br>2011. It also applies only to strict liability<br>claims – not claims based on negligence or<br>breach of warranty. Wis. Stat. § 895.047. |

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| WYOMING | 4 Years<br>Wyo. Stat. § 1-3-<br>105(a)(iv)(C) | Personal Injury:<br>4 Years<br>Wyo. Stat. § 1-3-<br>105(a)(iv)(C)<br><u>Wrongful Death</u> :<br>2 Years<br>Wyo. Stat. § 1-38-<br>102(d)<br><u>Med Malpractice</u> :<br>2 Years, unless<br>discovery in 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>year, then<br>extended by 6<br>months. Wyo. Stat.<br>§§ 1-3-107(a)(I)<br>and (a)(iv). | A civil action is commenced the day the complaint is filed, so long as a defendant is served with process within 60 days. If service is not made within 60 days, the action is deemed commenced on the date when service is made. <i>Ryel v. Anderies</i> , 4 P.3d 193 (Wyo. 2000); W.C.R.P. 3. | 4 Years<br>(Product Liability)<br>Wyo. Stat. § 1-3-<br>105(a)(iv)(C); <i>Ogle v.</i><br><i>Caterpillar Tractor Co.</i> ,<br>716 P.2d 334 (Wyo.<br>1986).<br>U.C.C.<br>(4 Years) (Breach of<br>Warranty) Wyo. Stat. §<br>34.1-2-725 | <u>Construction</u> : 10 years from substantial<br>completion of improvement to real<br>property. Wyo. Stat. § 1-3-111.<br><u>Products</u> : None. |

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