

489.503 Charging order.

1. On application by a judgment creditor of a member or transferee, a court may enter a charging order against the transferable interest of the judgment debtor for the unsatisfied amount of the judgment. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 6](#), a charging order constitutes a lien on a judgment debtor's transferable interest and requires the limited liability company to pay over to the person to which the charging order was issued any distribution that otherwise would be paid to the judgment debtor.

2. To the extent necessary to effectuate the collection of distributions pursuant to a charging order in effect under [subsection 1](#), the court may do all of the following:

a. Appoint a receiver of the distributions subject to the charging order, with the power to make all inquiries the judgment debtor might have made.

b. Make all other orders necessary to give effect to the charging order.

3. Upon a showing that distributions under a charging order will not pay the judgment debt within a reasonable time, the court may foreclose the lien and order the sale of the transferable interest. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 6](#), the purchaser at the foreclosure sale obtains only the transferable interest, does not thereby become a member, and is subject to [section 489.502](#).

4. At any time before foreclosure under [subsection 3](#), the member or transferee whose transferable interest is subject to a charging order under [subsection 1](#) may extinguish the charging order by satisfying the judgment and filing a certified copy of the satisfaction with the court that issued the charging order.

5. At any time before foreclosure under [subsection 3](#), a limited liability company or one or more members whose transferable interests are not subject to the charging order may pay to the judgment creditor the full amount due under the judgment and thereby succeed to the rights of the judgment creditor, including the charging order.

6. If a court orders foreclosure of a charging order lien against the sole member of a limited liability company all of the following apply:

a. The court shall confirm the sale.

b. The purchaser at the sale obtains the member's entire interest, not only the member's transferable interest.

c. The purchaser thereby becomes a member.

d. The person whose interest was subject to the foreclosed charging order is dissociated as a member.

7. [This chapter](#) does not deprive any member or transferee of the benefit of any exemption law applicable to the transferable interest of the member or transferee.

8. [This section](#) provides the exclusive remedy by which a person seeking in the capacity of judgment creditor to enforce a judgment against a member or transferee may satisfy the judgment from the judgment debtor's transferable interest.

[2008 Acts, ch 1162, §43, 155; 2023 Acts, ch 152, §47, 161](#)

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