

Rule 1653. Commencement of Action.

An action shall be commenced by filing **a complaint** with the prothonotary.

- [(a) a complaint, or**
- (b) an agreement for an amicable action.]**

The complaint shall be filed under the same docket number as the claim for the mechanics' lien.

Note: To file a claim for a mechanics' lien, see the Mechanics' Lien Law of 1963, 49 P.S. §§1101-1902, as amended.

Rule 1656. The Complaint.

- (a)** The plaintiff shall set forth in the complaint
 - (1) the name and address of each party to the action and, if the action is commenced by a subcontractor, the name and address of the contractor;
 - (2) **[the court and number and]** the date of the filing of the claim **[and a copy thereof as an exhibit]; and**
 - (3) a demand for judgment.

(b) The plaintiff shall attach a copy of the claim to the complaint as an exhibit.

Note: A claim for a mechanics' lien and the complaint to obtain judgment on the mechanics' lien shall be filed under the same docket number. See Rule 1653.