Job Aid

Essential Elements of Action to Recover Personal Property as a Non-Secured Party
Plaintiff is owner (or person entitled to possession).
Property was wrongfully taken or retained.
Defendant has possession of property. [If not, plaintiff may amend complaint to seek money damages for conversion.]
Damages necessary to return plaintiff to original position: return of property, compensation for injury to property, and costs associated with loss of use.
Essential Elements of Action to Recover Personal Property as a Secured Party
The existence of a valid security agreement.
That the security agreement created a security interest in the specific property at issue.
The debtor defaulted.