





Resources for Free Legal Help

Help desk staff cannot represent you in court, but they may be able to answer questions and help with paperwork. Most services are first come, first served so please arrive early and expect a wait.


Free Legal Help In & Near the Daley Center (50 West Washington Street, Downtown Chicago)

FAMILY		<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Relations Advice Desk <u>Divorce & child custody/visitation cases</u> ☎ 8:30am - 12:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 Concourse Level, CL-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Parentage & Child Support Advice Desk <u>Child support & paternity cases</u> ☎ 9:15am - 12:15pm, Mon - Fri 📍 Concourse Level, CL-16
HOUSING & MONEY	 	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Court Advice Desk <u>Evictions, debt collections, car accidents, contract disputes & claims under \$30,000</u> ☎ 8:30am - 4:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 Concourse Level, CL-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure Advice Desk <u>Mortgage foreclosure cases</u> ☎ 8:30am - 2:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 Concourse Level, CL-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Collection Advice Desk <u>Garnishments, frozen bank accounts & other debt collection cases</u> ☎ 9:00am - 12:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 14 th Floor, Courtroom 1401 <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Se Filing Desk <u>Small claims cases under \$5,000</u> ☎ 8:30am - 4:30pm, Mon - Fri 📍 6 th Floor, Room 602
GUARDIANSHIP		<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Guardianship Assistance Desk <u>Guardianship of disabled adults</u> ☎ 9:00am - 1:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 12 th Floor, Room 1202	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Guardianship Assistance Desk <u>Guardianship of minor children</u> ☎ 9:00am - 1:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 69 W. Washington, Room 1020 ☎ (312) 603-0135

NOTE: Free mediation is available in family, housing, money & guardianship cases. Ask the judge or clerk in your courtroom to request a mediator. Visit www.ccrchicago.org to learn more.

SENIORS	60+	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Justice Center <u>Information & referrals for people ages 60+ (call or visit to schedule an appointment)</u> ☎ 9:00am - 4:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 Concourse Level, CL-16 ☎ (312) 603-9233	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Help Desk <u>Legal advice & document preparation</u> ☎ 9:00am - 1:00pm, Tues & Wed 9:00am - 3:00pm, Thur 📍 Concourse Level, CL-16
CRIMINAL RECORD		<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Expungement Advice Desk <u>Expunge & seal criminal records</u> ☎ 8:30am - 12:00pm, Mon - Thur 📍 10 th Floor, Room 1006	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Expungement Advice Desk <u>Expunge juvenile arrests & records</u> ☎ 9:00am - 4:00pm, Mon - Fri 📍 1100 S. Hamilton, 1 st Floor

Free Legal Help in Other Courthouses

	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Legal Clinic <u>Orders of protection</u> ☎ 8:30am - 2:30pm, Mon - Fri 📍 555 W. Harrison, Suite 1900 <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Hearings Advice Desk <u>Building code violations, vehicle impoundments & municipal matters</u> ☎ 8:30am - 4:30pm, Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 📍 400 W. Superior, Room 121	<input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Advice Desk <u>Bankruptcy & creditor issues</u> ☎ 9:30am - 12:30pm, Mon, Wed & Fri 📍 219 S. Dearborn, Room 625 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. District Court Advice Desk <u>Lawsuits in federal court</u> ☎ By appointment only 📍 219 S. Dearborn, 20 th Floor ☎ (312) 435-5691
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Other Helpful Resources

FREE LEGAL HELP



- CARPLS Legal Aid Hotline**
Free advice & referrals from lawyers (you may wait up to 20 minutes)
🕒 9:00am - 7:30pm, Mon & Wed
9:00am - 4:30pm, Tue, Thur & Fri
☎ (312) 738-9200 🌐 www.carpls.org/
- Illinois Legal Aid Online**
Free legal information & court forms from your computer or mobile device
🕒 Available 24/7
🌐 www.illinoislegalaid.org

HIRE A LAWYER



- Justice Entrepreneurs Project**
Lawyers who charge fixed fees for flexible & customizable legal help
☎ (312) 546-3282 🌐 www.jepchicago.org
- Limited Scope Referral Panels**
Lawyers who offer unbundled legal services in family law & eviction law
🌐 www.chicagobarfoundation.org/limitedscope
- Chicago Bar Lawyer Referral Service**
☎ (312) 554-2001
🌐 lrs.chicagobar.org
\$30 consultation fee (additional costs after)
- Illinois State Bar LawyerFinder**
☎ (800) 922-8757
🌐 www.zeekbeek.com/isba
\$25 consultation fee (additional costs after)

HELPFUL WEBSITES



- Cook County Circuit Clerk**
Find court forms & case information
🌐 www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org
☎ (312) 603-4023
- Cook County Circuit Court**
Learn about court operations & services
🌐 www.cookcountycourt.org
- E-Filing Website**
File court documents electronically
🌐 efile.illinoiscourts.gov
☎ (312) 603-4023
- IL Supreme Court Website**
Use easy forms & self-help resources
🌐 www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp

ADDITIONAL SERVICES



- ADA Accommodations Requests**
Contact the Court Disability Coordinator to make an accommodation request
☎ (312) 603-1915
✉ ocj.accommodations@cookcountyiil.gov
- Interpretation**
To request a free interpreter at court, ask the clerk in your courtroom
- Rhoda Bresler Children's Room**
Free child care with proof of court date or a referral from judge or court staff (bathroom-independent children ages 2-12)
🕒 8:30am - 4:30pm, Mon - Fri
📍 13th Floor, Room 1319
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Access**
Request a sign language interpreter accommodation as soon as possible
☎ (312) 603-1918 VP (312) 603-9187
✉ ocj.accommodations@cookcountyiil.gov
- Notary Public at the Bond Desk**
Notarize affidavits & court documents
\$ Cost of notarization is one dollar (\$1.00)
🕒 9:00am - 3:00pm, Mon - Fri, 📍 12th Floor
- Cook County Law Library**
Free access to public computers, legal research tools & court forms
\$ Cost of printing & scanning is 15¢/page
🕒 8:30am - 7:00pm, Mon - Fri
📍 29th Floor

Notes:



Ensuring access to justice for all