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## Court Facilities Where This Program is Offered

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### Traffic Court

50 W. Washington, Rm. CL-88

### First District

Br. 23, 50	5555 W. Grand
Br. 57	2600 S. California
Br. 29, 42	2452 W. Belmont
Br. 35, 38	727 E. 111th
Br. 43, 44	3151 W. Harrison
Br. 46, 60, 61, 62, 63	555 W. Harrison

### Second District

5600 Old Orchard  
Skokie

### Third District

2121 Euclid  
Rolling Meadows

### Fourth District

1500 Maybrook  
Maywood

### Fifth District

10220 S. 76th  
Bridgeview

### Sixth District

16501 S. Kedzie  
Markham

### **About the Lawyer Referral Service:**

The Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Lawyer Referral Service makes referrals to private attorneys in 50 areas of law, including estate planning, contracts, personal injury, medical malpractice and divorce. All lawyers are screened for experience by the CBA. A \$20 fee paid at the time of the initial attorney consultation goes toward operating costs of the CBA Lawyer Referral Service. Depending on the complexity of the matter, attorneys may also charge a consultation fee for their time and service. All referrals are made to private attorneys who charge regular rates. For referral to an experienced private attorney contact:

**The Chicago Bar Association  
Lawyer Referral Service**  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
(312) 554-2001  
(312) 554-2055 - TTY (for the hearing impaired)  
[www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org)

The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service is one of few lawyer referral programs in the United States to meet American Bar Association standards.



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# Criminal In-Court Referral Program

## *What Clients Need to Know*



## The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

*A public service of The Chicago Bar Association since 1940.*

*Meets American Bar Association Standards for Lawyer Referral.*



# Criminal In-Court Lawyer Referral Program

The Criminal In-Court Lawyer Referral Program operates under the auspices of the Circuit Court of Cook County. The program works in the public interest by providing experienced legal counsel (Bar Attorneys) at a reasonable cost to defendants who appear in the criminal courts without an attorney. The Chicago Bar Association administers the program for the courts.

Bar Attorneys appear daily in criminal courts in Chicago and throughout Cook County wearing special Bar Attorney badges. The judge in each participating courtroom announces the availability of the Bar Attorney at the beginning of the court call. Approximately 200 lawyers are assigned to a total of 12 criminal courts.

The three types of courts in which Bar Attorneys are available include:

**Traffic  
Misdemeanor  
Felony/Preliminary Hearing**

If you are unsure whether or not a Bar Attorney is available in your courtroom, ask the on-site sheriff or court clerk to assist you.

In addition, Bar Attorneys must have specific experience in Traffic, Misdemeanor or Felony/Preliminary Hearing courts. The Bar Attorney in your courtroom is experienced in handling the types of cases heard in that court.

## Who Are the Bar Attorneys?

Bar Attorneys must have extensive experience in criminal matters. Following are general requirements for admittance to the Criminal In-Court Lawyer Referral Program:

*Member in Good Standing  
of the Illinois Bar*

*Five Years of Legal Experience  
With Emphasis in  
Criminal Law*

*Acceptance by a Screening Panel  
of Experienced Criminal Lawyers*

*Completion of an Application  
Form Detailing Criminal  
Experience & References*



## What Are the Bar Attorney's Fees?

A Bar Attorney consults with a defendant at no charge to determine the extent of the legal problem and what actions might be taken. During this initial meeting, the attorney also discusses fees for handling the case. Bar Attorneys often represent defendants for the Cash Bond Refund (CBR). When feasible, a lawyer may conclude a case the day of the court appearance.

## Who Do I Call for More Information?

For more information about the Criminal In-Court Lawyer Referral Program, or for referral to a private attorney other than the Bar Attorney, contact:

**The Chicago Bar Association  
Lawyer Referral Service**  
Phone: 312-554-2001

TTY: 312-554-2055 *for the hearing impaired*  
Referrals Online: [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org)