
SENIOR CITIZENS WILL CENTERS

Chicago Sites

- **Central West Center**

2102 W. Ogden
312/746-5300

- **Northeast Center (Levy)**

2019 W. Lawrence
312/744-0784

- **Northwest Center (Copernicus)**

3169 N. Milwaukee
312/744-6681

- **Southeast Center (Atlas)**

1767 E. 79th
312/747-0189

- **Southwest Center**

6117 S. Kedzie
312/747-0440

Suburban Sites

- **Seniors Assistance Center**

Norridge, IL
708/456-7979

- **Niles Senior Center**

Niles, IL
847/588-8420
TTY: 847/588-8487

- **Arlington Heights Senior Center**

Arlington Heights, IL
847/253-5532
TTY: 847/797-5310

- **PLOWS Council on Aging**

Palos Heights, IL
708/361-0219

- **Schaumburg Township Hall**

Hoffman Estates, IL
847/884-0030
TTY: 847/884-1560

- **Skokie Office of Human Services**

Skokie, IL
847/933-8208
TTY: 847/933-8455

- **Franklin Park Park District Community Center**

Franklin Park, IL
847/455-2852

- **Hanover Township Senior Services**

Bartlett, IL
630/483-5666

The Chicago Bar Association

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service makes referrals to private attorneys in 50 areas of law, including estate planning and wills. All lawyers are screened for experience by The Chicago Bar Association. There is a \$20 fee for the CBA, and participating lawyers charge regular private attorneys' fees. For referral, call Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. or visit our Web site anytime.

312/554-2001

312/554-2055 (TTY for hearing impaired)
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The Senior Citizens Will Program offers eligible senior citizens one free, will-related consultation with a lawyer and, if a senior wishes, the low-cost preparation of a simple will. The program is sponsored by The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service. Participating lawyers are supplied by The Chicago Bar Association and have experience in will preparation.

Who is eligible?

You must be 60 years of age or older. Your annual earnings should not exceed \$15,000 (\$20,000 for a couple), and your assets, excluding a home and personal car, should be worth no more than \$30,000. You also must reside in one of the areas served by the program sites listed in this brochure.

How does the program work?

A lawyer from The Chicago Bar Association is present at the senior centers listed in this brochure on a designated day. Call the center nearest you for an appointment. There is no charge for this initial legal consultation with the lawyer. If you decide to hire the lawyer to prepare your will, he or she will do so following the initial consultation. Before you arrive

for your appointment, you must complete the Confidential Senior Citizens Will Information Form, which is available at the senior citizen center. If you decide not to hire the lawyer to prepare your will, the form will be returned to you. Bring the completed form - and any additional information requested on it - to your appointment.

How much does a simple will cost?

When you meet with the attorney, he or she will consult with you for no fee. If you wish to hire the lawyer to prepare a simple will, you will be charged no more than \$50 (up to \$75 for a couple). A simple will does not include tax planning, trusts, or estate planning. For these services, you may contact The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service for referral to an experienced private attorney: 312/554-2001 (voice) or 312/554-2055 (TTY for hearing impaired). Lawyer Referral Service attorneys charge regular attorneys' fees.

Who should have a will?

If you care how your property is distributed after your death, then you need a will. A will lets you control how and among which people your estate will be divided. If you do not have a will, state laws will determine the distribution. A will is just as important to people of modest circumstances as it is to those with vast holdings. It allows you to make

the best arrangements for those you care about. If you have a car, an interest in a home, a little cash in your bank account, or any possessions of personal value to you, then you have an estate.

What other services are offered?

The following forms are available free of charge:

- *Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care* and *Durable Power of Attorney for Property* - These forms designate someone you trust to make health care and property decisions for you in the event you become physically or mentally unable to do so.
- *Living Will* - This form expresses your wishes about having death-delaying procedures withheld or withdrawn if you become terminally ill.

You may complete these forms yourself, or you may hire the attorney to explain the options available on the documents and help fill them out. If you hire the attorney, the fees for these services are as follows:

- *Durable Power of Attorney*
Up to \$75 for an individual, \$125 for a couple
- *Living Will*
Up to \$50 for an individual, \$75 for a couple