



**WHERE TO GO FOR**  
*Legal Assistance in or around Chicago*

**FINDING A LAWYER**

**FINDING LEGAL INFORMATION**

**FINDING FREE OR LOW COST  
LEGAL ASSISTANCE**



**IF YOU WANT LEGAL INFORMATION...** or answers to “frequently asked questions”, go online to [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). The Chicago Bar Association’s website, [www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org), is another useful resource. The law is complicated and it is always best to have the assistance of an attorney in handling any legal matter.

**IF YOU NEED A REFERRAL TO AN ATTORNEY...** contact *The Chicago Bar Association’s Lawyer Referral Service* at 312.554.2001. These attorneys, screened to ensure that they are qualified to help people in specific areas of law, are available to consult with you for a small fee.

**IF YOU ARE LOW-INCOME...** and cannot afford to pay the initial consultation fee, you may be eligible for free or low-cost legal services. Cook County has many legal aid programs with different eligibility requirements

and guidelines. To find out if you are eligible for free legal services, call **CARPLS, Cook County’s legal aid hotline**, at 312.738.9200. CARPLS attorneys can give you legal advice and send you instructions and materials if it is a simpler matter and you want to or need to handle it yourself. If your problem is more complicated, CARPLS will try to refer you to an appropriate legal aid program.

**IF YOU ARE DEAF, HARD-OF-HEARING, SPEECH-DISABLED, OR DEAFBLIND...** you may contact the organizations listed in this guide through a Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS). This is a free, operator assisted service that allows you to place calls to a standard voice telephone by using a keyboard or assistive device, like a cell phone. To place a TRS call from a standard voice phone, dial 711 to be automatically connected to a TRS operator.

## **OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Most of the legal aid programs listed in this guide do not accept walk-ins. Be sure to call first to see if you are eligible for their services and to get an appointment. While you might qualify for assistance from an organization, their resources are limited, so they may not be able to help you.

As an alternative to going to court, you may want to consider mediation. In mediation, a third party will attempt to negotiate a solution to your problem outside of court with you and the person with whom you have a disagreement. *The Center for Conflict Resolution* provides mediation services in Cook County for *pro se* (those without a lawyer) small claims matters, community disputes, and landlord-tenant disputes. Call CCR for more information at 312.922.6464.

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## **ACCIDENTS/PERSONAL INJURY**

### **CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

### **Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

### **Chicago Volunteer Legal Service**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

## **AIDS**

### **AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

### **Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

## **ADOPTIONS**

### **AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

For families impacted  
by HIV/AIDS  
312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

### **Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452  
[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

### **Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.738.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

### **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.2452  
[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

## **AGE DISCRIMINATION**

SEE ALSO “Employment”

### **CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

### **Center for Disability and Elder Law**

312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

### **Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**

312.630.9744  
[www.clccrul.org](http://www.clccrul.org)

### **Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

## **ARTISTS**

### **Lawyers for the Creative Arts**

312.649.4111  
[www.law-arts.org](http://www.law-arts.org)

## **ASYLUM/REFUGEES**

### **National Immigrant Justice Center**

312.660.1370  
[www.immigrantjustice.org](http://www.immigrantjustice.org)

## **BANKRUPTCY/DEBT COLLECTION**

### **AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

For persons with HIV/AIDS  
312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

### **Center for Disability and Elder Law**

312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Bankruptcy Assistance Desk**

Monday–Friday 9:30–12:30

312.435.6032

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070

[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**CHILD CUSTODY**

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452

[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**CARPLS Domestic Relations  
Self-Help Desk**

312.738.9200

[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of  
Metropolitan Family Services**

312.986.4200

[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070

[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**CHILD GUARDIANSHIP**

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

For families impacted by HIV/AIDS

312.427.8990

[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452

[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**Chicago Legal Advocacy for  
Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)**

312.675.0912

[www.claim-il.org](http://www.claim-il.org)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**Guardianship Assistance  
Office for Minors**

312.603.0135

**CHILD SUPPORT**

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452

[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**CARPLS Domestic Relations  
Self-Help Desk**

312.738.9200

[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of  
Metropolitan Family Services**

312.986.4200  
[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**CHILD VISITATION**

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452  
[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**CARPLS Domestic Relations  
Self-Help Desk**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer  
Legal Services**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of  
Metropolitan Family Services**

312.986.4200  
[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Access Living**

Handles discrimination cases on behalf of persons with disabilities, including discrimination in housing accommodation, government programs (lack of access to government buildings or failure of a government program to serve persons with disabilities) and public accommodations (access to businesses, such as a store, restaurant, etc.)

312.640.2100 *voice*  
800.613.8549 *toll free*  
888.253.7003 *toll free TTY*  
[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

For persons with HIV/AIDS  
312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Center for Disability and  
Elder Law**

For elderly and disabled persons, including education and employment issues.

312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Chicago Coalition for the Homeless**

For homeless persons  
312.435.4548  
[www.chicagohomeless.org](http://www.chicagohomeless.org)

**Chicago Lawyers' Committee  
for Civil Rights Under Law**

Discrimination based on race,  
religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation,  
disability, age or gender in housing  
or employment and hate crimes.

312.630.9744

[www.clccrul.org](http://www.clccrul.org)

**Equip for Equality**

Discrimination based on  
disability(ies) in employment,  
special education, transportation  
settings and voting rights.

312.341.0022 *se habla español*

800.537.2632 *voice*

800.610.2779 *TTY*

[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

Employment discrimination  
cases; discrimination on the  
basis of a disability in special  
education cases

312.341.1070

[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**Lambda Legal**

Discrimination based on sexual  
orientation

312.663.4413

[www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)

**National Immigrant Justice Center**

For immigrants, refugees and  
asylum seekers

312.660.1370

[www.immigrantjustice.org](http://www.immigrantjustice.org)

**Roger Baldwin Foundation  
of ACLU, Inc.**

Discrimination based on race,  
religion, ethnicity, sexual  
orientation, disability or gender.

312.201.9740

[www.aclu-il.org](http://www.aclu-il.org)

**COMMUNITY-BASED  
ORGANIZATIONS AND  
NONPROFITS**

**Community Economic  
Development Law Project**

312.939.3638

[www.cedlp.org](http://www.cedlp.org)

**CONSUMER ISSUES**

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

For persons with HIV/AIDS

312.427.8990

[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200

[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Center for Disability  
and Elder Law**

312.376.1880

[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer  
Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvlvs.org](http://www.cvlvs.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan  
Family Services**

312.986.4200

[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**CRIMINAL LAW**

SEE ALSO “Juvenile Offender”

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452  
[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**Chicago Bar Association  
Bar Attorney Program**

312.554.2001 *voice*  
312.554.2055 *TTY*  
[www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org)

**Law Office of the Cook County  
Public Defender**

312.603.0600

**Federal Defender Program**

Federal cases  
312.621.8300

**First Defense Legal Aid**

If you or someone you know is  
arrested, detained or called in  
for questioning by the Chicago  
Police, call 1.800.LAW.REP4

(1.800.529.7374)  
*before appointment of a lawyer*  
[www.first-defense.org](http://www.first-defense.org)

**Office of the State  
Appellate Defender**

Criminal Appeals  
217.782.7203  
[www.state.il.us/defender](http://www.state.il.us/defender)

**DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING**

**Midwest Center on  
Law and the Deaf**

Information, resources and  
referrals only; organization does  
not represent individual clients

1.800.894.3653 *voice*  
1.800.894.3654 *TTY*  
[www.mclcd.org](http://www.mclcd.org)

**DISABILITY**

**Access Living**

Handles discrimination cases on  
behalf of persons with disabilities,  
including discrimination in housing  
accommodation, government  
programs (lack of access to  
government buildings or failure  
of a government program to serve  
persons with disabilities) and  
public accommodations (access  
to businesses, such as a store,  
restaurant, etc.)

312.640.2100 *voice*  
800.613.8549 *toll free*  
888.253.7003 *toll free TTY*  
[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

For persons impacted by HIV/AIDS  
312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Center for Disability  
and Elder Law**

Includes employment discrimination based on age or disability, public benefits, etc.

312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Chicago Lawyers' Committee  
for Civil Rights Under Law**

Employment discrimination cases

312.630.9744  
[www.clccrul.org](http://www.clccrul.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**Equip for Equality**

Includes discrimination based on disability(ies) in employment, special education, transportation settings and voting rights

312.341.0022 *se habla español*  
800.537.2632 *voice*  
800.610.2779 *TTY*  
[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

**Health and Disability Advocates  
Healthcare**

312.223.9600 *voice*  
866.584.8750 *TTY*  
[www.hdadvocates.org](http://www.hdadvocates.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

Includes public benefits, employment discrimination, special education, etc.

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**Uptown People's Law Center**

Includes public benefits

773.769.1411

**DIVORCE**

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452  
[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer  
Legal Services**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**CARPLS Domestic Relations**

Self-Help Desk

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan  
Family Services**

312.986.4200  
[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452  
[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Domestic Violence Legal Clinic**

312.325.9155  
[www.dvlcchicago.org](http://www.dvlcchicago.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services**

312.986.4200  
[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy**

312.408.1210  
[www.life-span.org](http://www.life-span.org)

**National Immigrant Justice Center**

Immigrants only  
312.660.1370  
[www.immigrantjustice.org](http://www.immigrantjustice.org)

**EDUCATION**

**Access Living**

Failure to serve or accommodate students with disabilities in educational setting  
312.640.2100 *voice*  
800.613.8549 *toll free*  
888.253.7003 *toll free TTY*  
[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Center for Disability and Elder Law**

Special education  
312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Chicago Coalition for the Homeless**

Homeless youth  
312.435.4548  
[www.chicagohomeless.org](http://www.chicagohomeless.org)

**Equip for Equality**

Special education  
312.341.0022 *se habla español ASL*  
800.537.2632 *voice*  
800.610.2779 *TTY*  
[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

**Evanston Community Defender**

School discipline cases  
847.492.1410  
[www.evanstondefender.org](http://www.evanstondefender.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

Special education, school discipline cases, vocational colleges  
312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**ELDERLY**

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Center for Disability and Elder Law**

312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Chicago Bar Association Senior Will Program**

312.554.2001  
[www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvlvs.org](http://www.cvlvs.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services**

312.986.4200  
[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Access Living**

Disabled persons  
312.640.2100 *voice*  
800.613.8549 *toll free*  
888.253.7003 *toll free TTY*  
[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

Persons with HIV/AIDS  
312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Center for Disability and Elder Law**

312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**

312.630.9744  
[www.clccrul.org](http://www.clccrul.org)

**Equip for Equality**

Disabled persons  
312.341.0022 *se habla español*  
800.537.2632 *voice*  
800.610.2779 *TTY*  
[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

**Farmworker Advocacy Project**

Nursery, landscape and migrant farm workers only  
312.347.7600

**Illinois Department of Human Rights**

312.814.6200  
[www.state.il.us/dhr](http://www.state.il.us/dhr)

**Lambda Legal**

Sexual orientation  
312.663.4413  
[www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

312.353.2713  
[www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

**Working Hands Legal Clinic**

312.795.9115  
[www.workers-law.org](http://www.workers-law.org)

**EVICITION**

SEE ALSO "Housing"

**EXPUNGEMENT/SEALING OF CRIMINAL RECORDS**

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452  
[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Evanston Community Defender Office**

847.492.1410  
[www.evanstondefender.org](http://www.evanstondefender.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**FAMILY LAW**

SEE ALSO Child custody,  
Child guardianship, Child  
visitation and Divorce

**FORECLOSURES**

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer  
Legal Services**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**GUARDIANSHIP FOR  
DISABLED ADULTS**

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

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[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

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and Elder Law**

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Legal Services**

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800.610.2779 *TTY*  
[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**HATE CRIMES**

**Chicago Lawyers' Committee  
for Civil Rights Under Law**

312.630.9744  
[www.clccrul.org](http://www.clccrul.org)

**HOUSING**

SEE ALSO "Landlord-Tenant"  
**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

Persons with HIV/AIDS  
312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

**Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452  
[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Center for Disability  
and Elder Law**

312.376.1880  
[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

**Chicago Lawyers' Committee  
for Civil Rights Under Law**

312.630.9744  
[www.clccrul.org](http://www.clccrul.org)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvlvs.org](http://www.cvlvs.org)

**Equip for Equality**

312.341.0022 *se habla español*  
800.537.2632 *voice*  
800.610.2779 *TTY*  
[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

**Lawyers' Committee for  
Better Housing, Inc.**

312.347.7600  
[www.lcbh.org](http://www.lcbh.org)

**Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan  
Family Services**

312.986.4200  
[www.metrofamily.org](http://www.metrofamily.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**Uptown People's Law Center**

773.769.1411

**IMMIGRATION**

**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

Persons with HIV/AIDS  
312.427.8990  
[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

**CARPLS**

312.738.9200  
[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

**Centro Romero**

773.508.5300  
[www.charitvadvantage.com/  
centroromero/HomePage.asp](http://www.charitvadvantage.com/centroromero/HomePage.asp)

**Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762  
[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

**Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624  
[www.cvlvs.org](http://www.cvlvs.org)

**Latinos Progresando**

773.542.7077  
[www.latinospro.org](http://www.latinospro.org)

**Legal Assistance Foundation  
of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070  
[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

**Life Span Center for Legal  
Services & Advocacy**

For victims of domestic and sexual  
violence only  
312.408.1210  
[www.life-span.org](http://www.life-span.org)

**National Immigrant Justice Center**

312.660.1370  
[www.immigrantjustice.org](http://www.immigrantjustice.org)

**World Relief – Chicago Immigration  
Legal Services**

773.583.3010  
[http://community.wr.org/Page.aspx  
?pid=1775](http://community.wr.org/Page.aspx?pid=1775)

## **INSURANCE BENEFITS**

### **AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

Persons with HIV/AIDS

312.427.8990

[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

### **Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

### **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

### **Community Economic Development Law Project**

312.939.3638

[www.cedlp.org](http://www.cedlp.org)

### **Lawyers for the Creative Arts**

312.649.4111

[www.law-arts.org](http://www.law-arts.org)

## **JUVENILE ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

### **Family Defense Center**

312.356.3202

[www.familydefensecenter.net](http://www.familydefensecenter.net)

### **Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070

[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

## **JUVENILE OFFENDER**

### **Evanston Community Defender**

847.492.1410

[www.evanstondefender.org](http://www.evanstondefender.org)

## **LANDLORD-TENANT/EVICTION**

### **Cabrini Green Legal Aid**

312.738.2452

[www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

### **CARPLS**

312.738.9200

[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

### **Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

### **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

### **Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, Inc.**

312.347.7600

[www.lcbh.org](http://www.lcbh.org)

### **Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070

[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

### **Uptown People's Law Center**

773.769.1411

## **MEDIATION**

### **Center for Conflict Resolution**

312.922.6464

[www.ccrchicago.org](http://www.ccrchicago.org)

## **PRISONER ISSUES**

### **Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)**

Handles family law issues on  
behalf of incarcerated mothers

312.675.0912

[www.claim-il.org](http://www.claim-il.org)

### **Equip for Equality**

Disabled persons

312.341.0022 *se habla español*

800.537.2632 *voice*

800.610.2779 *TTY*

[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

### **Uptown People's Law Center**

Handles civil rights issues on behalf of incarcerated persons

773.769.1411

### **PUBLIC BENEFITS**

#### **AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**

Persons with HIV/AIDS

312.427.8990

[www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

#### **CARPLS**

312.738.9200

[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

#### **Center for Disability and Elder Law**

312.376.1880

[www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

#### **Chicago Coalition for the Homeless**

312.435.4548

[www.chicagohomeless.org](http://www.chicagohomeless.org)

#### **Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

### **Equip for Equality**

312.341.0022 *se habla español*

800.537.2632 *voice*

800.610.2779 *TTY toll free*

[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

### **Health and Disability Advocates**

312.223.9600 *voice*

866.584.8750 *TTY*

[www.hdadvocates.org](http://www.hdadvocates.org)

### **Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

888.893.5327 *Public Benefits Hotline*

312.341.1070

[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

### **Uptown People's Law Center**

773.769.1411

### **REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS**

#### **Chicago Legal Clinic**

773.731.1762

[www.clclaw.org](http://www.clclaw.org)

#### **Community Economic Development Law Project**

312.939.3638

[www.cedlp.org](http://www.cedlp.org)

### **SMALL BUSINESS**

#### **Community Economic Development Law Project**

312.939.3638

[www.cedlp.org](http://www.cedlp.org)

### **TAXES**

#### **CARPLS**

312.738.9200

[www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

#### **Center for Economic Progress, Midwest Tax Clinic**

312.252.0280

[www.centerforprogress.org](http://www.centerforprogress.org)

#### **Chicago Volunteer Legal Services**

312.332.1624

[www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

### **VETERANS**

#### **Legal Assistance Foundation Of Metropolitan Chicago**

312.341.1070

[www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

## LAW SCHOOL *Clinics*

Chicago has six law schools, each of which operates one or more clinics offering free or reduced cost legal representation to eligible clients. These clinics are designed to offer law students opportunities to act as legal practitioners while pursuing their degrees. However, each law school legal clinic has its own separate eligibility requirements, and may be seasonal, so each should be approached individually.

### **CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW**

#### **Tax Clinic**

Chicago-Kent's only pro bono (free) clinic  
312.906.5050

Chicago-Kent runs several clinics that are fee based:

#### **Civil Rights**

312.906.5050

#### **Criminal Defense**

312.906.5050

#### **Employment**

312.906.5050

#### **Family Law**

312.906.5050

#### **Immigration**

312.906.5050

#### **Small Business**

312.906.5050

#### **Social Security issues**

312.906.5050

### **DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**

#### **Asylum/Immigration Clinic**

312.362.8294

#### **Civil Rights**

312.362.8294

#### **Criminal Appeals**

312.362.8294

#### **Death Penalty Clinic**

312.362.8294

#### **Family Law**

312.362.8294

#### **Intellectual Property**

312.362.8294

#### **Misdemeanors**

312.362.8294

#### **Special Education**

312.362.8294

**JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL**

**Fair Housing Legal Clinic**

Represents clients in the Chicago metropolitan area who have been denied housing because of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, marital status, age, source of income, or sexual orientation  
312.786.2267

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO  
SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Business Law Center Clinic**

312.915.7314

**Civitas Child Law Clinic**

312.915.7940

**Community Law Center**

Housing issues only  
312.915.7830

**Elder Care Clinic**

312.915.6775

**Tax Clinic**

312.915.7176

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Bluhm Legal Clinic Children and  
Family Justice Center**

Delinquency and crime, family violence, school discipline for Chicago residents under 17  
312.503.8576

**Investor Protection**

312.503.8576

**Small Business Opportunity Center**

312.503.8576

**Center on Wrongful Convictions**

312.503.8576

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

**Institute for Justice Clinic on  
Entrepreneurship**

773.834.3129

**Mandel Legal Aid Clinic**

Specializes in the areas of criminal justice, civil rights, employment discrimination, and the rights of the mentally ill  
773.702.9611

## HELP DESKS for Pro Se Litigants

The Circuit Court of Cook County, in partnership with The Chicago Bar Foundation and a number of nonprofit entities, has a number of programs at or near the Richard J. Daley Center (50 W. Washington) to help pro se litigants (*those without an attorney*). As detailed below, information and resources are available for a wide variety of legal needs from the Self-Help Web Center, and several other desks offer assistance in specific types of cases. There are no phones unless listed.

### RESOURCES FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS IN COOK COUNTY

#### General Information and Assistance

Self-Help Web Center

**LOCATION:** 6th Floor, Room 602,

Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 8:30 - 4:30

Monday through Friday

- Find legal information and court forms online in 21 areas of law with the help of a law student
- A search tool for free and low-cost legal representation

#### Administrative Hearings

Administrative Hearings

Advice Desk

**LOCATION:** 400 W. Superior Street, Room 121

**HOURS:** 9:00 – 4:30, Monday, Wednesday and Friday

- Building code violations
- Vehicle impound
- Online legal information assistance

#### Child Support and Paternity

Expedited Child Support and Paternity Advice Desk

**LOCATION:** 14th Floor, 32 W. Randolph

**HOURS:** 9:30 - 3:30, Monday through Friday

- Child support
- Paternity issues

#### Debt Collection

Collection Advice Desk

**LOCATION:** 14th Floor, Room 1401, Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 9:00 – 12:00, Monday through Friday

- Post-judgment debt collection (Plaintiff and Defendant)

### **Divorce and Other Domestic Relations Matters**

Domestic Relations Self-Help Desk

**LOCATION:** 30th floor, Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 9:00 - 1:00, Monday through Friday

- Uncontested divorce
- Consultations on simple family matters such as custody and visitation issues
- Assistance in resolving issues after the entry of a divorce order

### **Domestic Violence - Civil**

Pro Se Assistance Area-- Domestic Violence – District 1 Independent Civil Order of Protection Courtroom

**LOCATION:** 555 W. Harrison, Suite 1900

**HOURS:** 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday

**PHONE:** 312.827.2450

- Civil order of protection
- Assistance in completing forms

The Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, located at 555 W. Harrison, Suite 1900, is available for victims of domestic violence who need legal assistance. The clinic is open 8:30 – 1:30, Monday through Friday. See page 9 for more information.

### **Expungement of Criminal Records**

Expungement Help Desk

**LOCATION:** 10th Floor, Room 1006, Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 9:00 - 12:00, Monday through Friday

- Expungement and sealing of criminal records
- Must have Chicago criminal record/rap sheet for Chicago cases

### **Foreclosures and Other Chancery Court Matters**

Chancery Division Advice Desk

**LOCATION:** 13th Floor, Room 1303, Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 9:00 - 4:30, Monday through Friday

- Mortgage foreclosures
- Name change
- Administrative review

### **Guardianship for Adults**

Adult Guardianship Help Desk

**LOCATION:** 12th Floor next to the Forms Desk, Probate Division of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday

- Guardianship for a disabled adult
- Assistance in understanding the procedure and completing forms

### **Guardianships for Minors**

Guardianship Assistance Desk for Minors

**LOCATION:** 69 West Washington Room 1020

**HOURS:** Appointments 9:00 -12:00, 1:00 - 4:00, Monday through Thursday. The receptionist is available 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday; assistance by appointment only.

**PHONE:** 312.603.0135

- Guardianship of a minor
- Assistance in preparing court documents
- Referrals for more complex cases

## Municipal Court

Municipal Court Advice Desk

**LOCATION:** 6th Floor, Room 602,

Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday

- Eviction
- Contract disputes/debt collection
- Other Municipal Court cases  
(under \$50,000)

## Small Claims Matters

Pro Se Help Desk

**LOCATION:** 6th Floor, Room 602,

Richard J. Daley Center

**HOURS:** 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday

**PHONE:** 312.603.5626

- Recovery of monetary damages up to \$1,500
- Includes auto damage, clothing loss or damage, debt collection and tenant/landlord claims

## OTHER RESOURCES FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS AT DALEY CENTER

**Child Advocacy Room:** The Rhoda Bresler Children's Room

**LOCATION:** 13th Floor, Room 1309

**HOURS:** 8:45 to 4:15, Monday through Friday

**PHONE:** 312.603.6252

- Childcare during court proceedings
- Snacks provided

## Cook County Law Library

**LOCATION:** 29th Floor, Richard J.

Daley Center (and other Cook County court locations)

**HOURS:** 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday

- Access to a wide range of legal resources

## Notary Public at the Bond Desk

**LOCATION:** 12th Floor

**HOURS:** 9:00 - 3:00, Monday to Friday

- Notarization costs \$1.00 and requires a government issued ID

## RESOURCES FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS AT FEDERAL COURT

### General Information and Assistance for Federal District Court

U.S. District Court Self-Help Assistance Program

**LOCATION:** 20th Floor,

The Dirksen Federal Courthouse, 219 S. Dearborn Street

**HOURS:** 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday. By appointment only.

Appointments can be made at the Clerk's Office, or by calling 312.435.5691.

- Employment discrimination
- Civil rights
- Information about court procedures
- Online legal information assistance

## Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy Help Desk

**LOCATION:** Room 622, The Dirksen

Federal Courthouse, 219 S. Dearborn Street

**HOURS:** 9:30 - 12:30, Monday to Friday  
No appointment necessary.

**PHONE:** 312.435.6032

- Debtor-Bankruptcy
- Creditor issues
- Provide information about court procedures
- Online legal information assistance

## GOVERNMENT *Agencies*

### FEDERAL

#### **Citizenship and Immigration Services**

101 W. Congress Pky.  
Chicago, IL 60605  
800.375.5283  
[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

#### **Department of Health and Human Services**

233 N. Michigan Ave.  
Suite 1300  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.353.5160  
[www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

#### **Department of Housing and Urban Development**

77 W. Jackson Blvd.  
26th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312.353.5680  
[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

#### **Department of Labor**

200 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20210  
1.866.4.USA.DOL  
[www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov)

#### **Department of Justice**

950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001  
202.514.2000 *main switchboard*  
[www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)

#### **Department of Veterans Administration**

2122 W. Taylor St.  
Chicago, IL 60612  
800.827.1000  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

#### **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

500 W. Madison St.  
Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60661  
800.669.4000  
[www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

#### **Federal Bureau of Investigations**

2111 W. Roosevelt Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60608  
312.421.6700  
[www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

#### **Federal Bureau of Prisons North Central Regional Office**

400 State Ave.  
Suite 800  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
913.621.3939  
[www.bop.gov](http://www.bop.gov)

**Federal Trade Commission**

55 E. Monroe St.  
Suite 1825  
Chicago, IL 60603  
877.FTC.HELP for consumer  
complaints call the Consumer  
Response Center  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

**Internal Revenue Service**

230 S. Dearborn St.  
17th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60604  
800.829.1040 or  
312.566.4912  
  
800.TAX.1040 taxpayer assistance  
800.TAX.FORM tax forms and  
publications are available  
[www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov)

**PASSPORT SERVICES**

**City Hall**

U.S. Passport Program  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
Room 107  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.744.2020  
[www.chicityclerk.com/licenses/  
passports.html](http://www.chicityclerk.com/licenses/passports.html)  
Complete passport services,  
Monday through Friday from  
8:00 to 4:30. Regular  
processing 6-8 weeks and  
expedited processing 2 weeks.

**Kluczynski Federal Building**

230 S. Dearborn St.  
18th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60604  
877.487.2778 automated appointment  
[www.travel.state.gov/passport/  
passport\\_1738.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)  
If you are leaving the U.S. in less  
than 21 calendar days, or if you are  
pressed for time on a foreign visa,  
then you may apply by appointment  
only, at the Chicago Passport  
Agency on the 3rd Floor. Call for  
an appointment. You will need  
proof of immediate travel (airline  
time confirmed, airline-generated  
itinerary, or a travel letter from  
an employer for employer for  
business travel).

**Richard J. Daley Center**

50 W. Washington  
Room 1202  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.6457  
[www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org](http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org)

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Children's Health Insurance  
Program**

877.543.7669  
[www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov)

**Medicare**

Office of Regional Administration  
233 N. Michigan Ave.  
Suite 600  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.886.6432  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

### **Social Security**

77 W. Jackson  
Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60604  
800.772.1213  
[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **UNITED STATES COURTS**

#### **Bankruptcy Court**

Dirksen Building  
219 S. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312.435.5694  
*You may access all pleadings and orders for a fee at*  
[www.ilnb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ilnb.uscourts.gov)

#### **Northern District of Illinois**

Dirksen Building  
219 S. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312.435.5670  
[www.ilnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov)

#### **Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals**

U.S. Court of Appeals  
219 S. Dearborn St.  
Room 2722  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312.435.5850  
[www.ca7.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov)

#### **Supreme Court of the United States**

One First St. N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543  
202.479.3211  
[www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov)

### **ILLINOIS**

#### **Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission**

One Prudential Plaza  
Suite 1500  
130 E. Randolph Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.565.2600  
800.826.8625 *toll free within IL*  
[www.iardc.org](http://www.iardc.org)

#### **Governor's Office**

207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706  
217.782.0244  
312.814.2121  
[www.illinois.gov/gov](http://www.illinois.gov/gov)

#### **Illinois Appellate Court – First District (Chicago)**

First District Clerk's Office  
Michael A. Bilandic Building  
*(also known as the State of Illinois Building)*  
160 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.793.5600  
[www.state.il.us/court/AppellateCourt/default.htm](http://www.state.il.us/court/AppellateCourt/default.htm)

#### **Illinois Attorney General**

James R. Thompson Center  
13th Floor  
100 W. Randolph St.  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.814.3000  
[www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov)

#### **Illinois Commerce Commission**

180 N. La Salle St.  
Chicago, IL 60601  
800.524.0795  
[www.icc.illinois.gov](http://www.icc.illinois.gov)

### **Illinois Department of Aging**

Michael A. Bilandic Building

*(also known as the State of Illinois Building)*

160 N. LaSalle St.

Suite N-700

Chicago, IL 60601

312.814.2630

[www.state.il.us/aging](http://www.state.il.us/aging)

### **Illinois Department of Children and Family Services**

#### **CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE:**

800.25ABUSE toll free within IL

217.524.2029 outside IL

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:**

James R. Thompson Center

6th Floor

100 W. Randolph St.

Chicago, IL 60601

312.814.6800

[www.state.il.us/dcfs](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs)

### **Illinois Department of Corrections**

James R. Thompson Center

100 W. Randolph St.

Chicago, IL 60601

217.558.2200

[www.idoc.state.il.us](http://www.idoc.state.il.us)

### **Illinois Department of Employment Security**

527 S. Wells St.

Chicago, IL 60607

312.793.5000

[www.ides.state.il.us](http://www.ides.state.il.us)

### **Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**

100 W. Randolph

10th Floor

Chicago, IL 60601

800.447.4278

[www.hfs.illinois.gov](http://www.hfs.illinois.gov)

### **Illinois Department of Human Rights**

James R. Thompson Center

Suite 10-100

100 W. Randolph St.

Chicago, IL 60601

312.814.6200

[www.state.il.us/dhr](http://www.state.il.us/dhr)

### **Illinois Department of Labor**

Michael A. Bilandic Building

*(also known as the State of Illinois Building)*

160 N. LaSalle St.

Suite C-1300

Chicago, IL 60601

312.793.2800

[www.state.il.us/agency/idol](http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol)

### **Illinois Department of Professional Regulation**

James R. Thompson Center

9th Floor

100 W. Randolph St.

Chicago, IL 60601

312.814.4500

[www.idfpr.com](http://www.idfpr.com)

### **Illinois Department of Public Health**

Michael A. Bilandic Building

*(also known as the State of Illinois Building)*

122 S. Michigan Ave.

Chicago, IL 60603

312.814.2608

[www.idph.state.il.us](http://www.idph.state.il.us)

### **Illinois Department of Revenue**

James R. Thompson Center

Councourse Level

100 W. Randolph St.

Chicago, IL 60601

312.814.5232

[www.revenue.state.il.us](http://www.revenue.state.il.us)

### **Illinois Secretary of State**

17 N. State St.  
Suite 1000  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.793.1010  
800.252.8980 *toll free*  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

### **Illinois Supreme Court**

[www.state.il.us/court/  
SupremeCourt/default.asp](http://www.state.il.us/court/SupremeCourt/default.asp)  
Supreme Court Building  
200 E. Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62701  
217.782.2035

### **CLERK'S OFFICE IN CHICAGO**

Michael A. Bilandic Building  
*(also known as the State of Illinois  
Building)*  
160 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.793.1332  
312.793.6185 *TDD*

### **Office of State Appellate Defender - First Judicial District (Chicago)**

203 N. LaSalle St.  
24th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.814.5472  
[www.state.il.us/defender](http://www.state.il.us/defender)

### **Office of State Guardian**

P.O. Box 7009  
Hines, IL 60141  
708.338.7500  
866.274.8023 *toll free in IL*  
[www.gac.state.il.us/osg/](http://www.gac.state.il.us/osg/)

### **COOK COUNTY**

[www.cookcountygov.com](http://www.cookcountygov.com)

### **Circuit Court of Cook County**

[www.cookcountycourt.org](http://www.cookcountycourt.org)

### **Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**

[www.cookcountyclerk  
ofcourt.org](http://www.cookcountyclerk<br/>ofcourt.org)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

Office of the Clerk, Law  
Division-Tax & Miscellaneous  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 2005  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.6342

### **ADOPTIONS**

Office of the Clerk, County Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 1202  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5516  
Files cannot be accessed  
without court order.

### **ANNULMENT**

Office of the Clerk, Domestic  
Relations Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 802  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.6300

### **BUILDING COURT FILES**

Municipal Department  
First District  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 601  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5145  
312.603.5116

*For cases that are not yet in court, go  
to Room 602 or call 312.603.7696.*

**CIVIL SUITS, SPECIAL PRO SE  
CLAIMS BRANCH, UP TO \$1,500**

Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 602  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5626

**CIVIL SUITS FOR LESS THAN \$30,000**

Office of the Clerk,  
Municipal Department  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 601  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5145  
312.603.5116 *file information*

**CIVIL SUITS FOR MORE THAN \$30,000**

Office of the Clerk, Law Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 801  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5426  
312.603.6930

**DECEDENTS' ESTATES**

Office of the Clerk,  
Probate Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 1202  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.6441

**DIVORCE**

Office of the Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 802  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.6300  
*For file information call*  
312.603.5262 or 312.603.6228

**EVICTON**

Forcible Detainer  
Office of the Clerk,  
Municipal Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 601  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5145  
312.603.5116

**FORECLOSURE**

Office of the Clerk,  
Chancery Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 802  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5133

**GUARDIANSHIPS OF DISABLED  
ADULTS AND MINORS**

Office of the Clerk,  
Probate Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 1202  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.6441

**JUVENILE COURT**

1100 S. Hamilton  
Room 13  
Chicago, IL 60612  
312.433.4881

**NAME CHANGE**

Office of the Clerk,  
County Division  
Richard J. Daley Center  
Room 1202  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5133

**PARENTAGE FILES**

Clerk of the Court,  
Domestic Relations Division  
28 N. Clark St.  
Room 200  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.2000

**TRAFFIC COURT**

Richard J. Daley Center  
Lower Level  
50 W. Washington Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.2000  
[www.cookcountycourt.org/traffic\\_court](http://www.cookcountycourt.org/traffic_court)

**Cook County Assessor**

County Building  
Room 320  
118 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.433.7550  
[www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com)

**Cook County Clerk's Office**

69 W. Washington St.  
5th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5656  
[www.cookctyclerk.com](http://www.cookctyclerk.com)

**Cook County Court Reporters**

69 W. Washington Blvd.  
Room 900  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.8400  
[www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org](http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org)

**Cook County Sheriff**

50 W. Washington  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312.603.4242  
[www.cookcountysheriff.org](http://www.cookcountysheriff.org)  
*For service in eviction cases,  
call 312.603.3356*

**Cook County Sheriff Civil Process**

50 W. Washington  
Room 701  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.3365

**Cook County State's Attorney**

Richard J. Daley Center,  
Room 500  
50 W. Washington  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5440

**Criminal Court Building**

2650 S. California Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60608  
773.869.2700  
[www.statesattorney.org](http://www.statesattorney.org)

**Child Support Enforcement Division**

28 N. Clark St.  
Suite 200  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.345.4125  
[www.statesattorney.org](http://www.statesattorney.org)

**Consumer Fraud Division**

69 W. Washington  
Suite 3130  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.8700

**Domestic Violence Division**

555 W. Harrison  
Chicago, IL 60607  
312.325.9220

**Mental Health**

50 W. Washington  
Room 1202  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.5516

**Seniors and Persons with  
Disabilities Division**

69 W. Washington  
7th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.8649

**Cook County Treasurer's Office**

County Building  
Room 112  
118 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.443.5100  
[www.cookcountytreasurer.com](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com)

**Department of Supportive Services**

50 W. Washington  
Room 1202  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.917.1580  
Court-appointed child custody  
evaluators, adoption investigations  
and emergency interveners.

**Office of the Cook County  
Public Guardian:**

[www.publicguardian.org](http://www.publicguardian.org)

**Adult Guardianship/Domestic  
Relations Division**

69 W. Washington,  
7th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.0800

**Juvenile Division**

2245 W. Ogden Ave.  
14th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60612  
312.433.4300

**Office of the Public Defender**

69 W. Washington  
Suite 1600  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.603.0600

**CITY OF CHICAGO**

[www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org)  
Dial 311 for City services

**Business Affairs and Consumer  
Protection**

50 W. Washington  
Room 208  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.744.4006

**Commission on Human Relations**

740 N. Sedgwick Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60610  
312.744.4111

**Chicago Department of Health**

333 S. State St.  
Suite 200  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312.747.9635

**Department of Buildings**

120 N. Racine St.  
Chicago, IL 60607  
312.743.3600

## OTHER Resources

### CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Illinois Department of  
Children and Family Services,  
Child Abuse Hotline  
800.252.2873  
[www.state.il.us/dcfs](http://www.state.il.us/dcfs)

### CHILD SUPPORT

Cook County State's Attorney's  
Office, Child Support Enforcement  
312.345.4125  
[www.statesattorney.org](http://www.statesattorney.org)

Illinois Child Support Helpline  
800.447.4278

### CIVIL RIGHTS

Chicago Commission on  
Human Relations  
312.744.4111  
[www.ci.chi.il.us/HumanRelations](http://www.ci.chi.il.us/HumanRelations)

Chicago Police Department,  
Civil Rights Section  
312.745.6071

Cook County Commission  
on Human Rights  
312.603.1100  
[www.kentlaw.edu/cookcchr](http://www.kentlaw.edu/cookcchr)

### Illinois Department of Human Rights

312.814.6200  
[www.state.il.us/dhr](http://www.state.il.us/dhr)

### CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

#### City of Chicago, Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

312.744.4006  
[www.ci.chi.il.us/ConsumerServices](http://www.ci.chi.il.us/ConsumerServices)

#### Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Consumer Fraud Division

312.603.8600  
[www.statesattorney.org/  
consumer\\_fraud.htm](http://www.statesattorney.org/consumer_fraud.htm)

#### Illinois Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division

##### CONSUMER FRAUD HOTLINE:

800.386.5438  
866.310.8398 *se habla español*  
[www.ag.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/  
consumers](http://www.ag.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers)

### CRIME VICTIMS

#### Illinois Attorney General, Crime Victim's Assistance Line

800.228.3368  
[www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/  
victims](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims)

## **DISABLED PERSONS**

City of Chicago, Mayor's Office for  
People with Disabilities

312.744.7050  
[www.ci.chi.il.us/Disabilities](http://www.ci.chi.il.us/Disabilities)

Illinois Attorney General's Disability  
Rights Bureau

312.814.5684

## **EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION**

Illinois Department of  
Human Rights

312.814.6200  
[www.state.il.us/dhr](http://www.state.il.us/dhr)

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity  
Commission

800.669.4000  
[www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

## **FAIR HOUSING DISCRIMINATION**

Chicago Commission on  
Human Relations

312.744.4111

Illinois Department of  
Human Rights

312.814.6200  
[www.state.il.us/dhr/](http://www.state.il.us/dhr/)

## **FOOD STAMPS**

Illinois Department of  
Human Services

800.843.6154  
[www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us)

## **GUARDIANSHIP**

Illinois Guardianship &  
Advocacy Commission,  
Office of State Guardian

312.793.5900  
[www.gac.state.il.us](http://www.gac.state.il.us)

Office of the Cook County  
Public Guardian

312.603.0800  
[www.publicguardian.org](http://www.publicguardian.org)

## **PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

Attorney Registration and Discipline  
Commission of the Supreme Court  
of Illinois

312.565.2600  
800.826.8625 *toll free*  
[www.iardc.org](http://www.iardc.org)

Illinois Department of  
Professional Regulation

312.814.4500  
[www.idfpr.com](http://www.idfpr.com)

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

City of Chicago, Department  
on Aging

312.744.4016  
[www.ci.chi.il.us/Aging](http://www.ci.chi.il.us/Aging)

Illinois Department on  
Aging, Senior Helpline

800.252.8966

## **SMALL CLAIMS COURT**

Cook County Pro Se Desk

312-603-5626

## **SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**

**U.S. Social Security Administration**  
800.772.1213  
[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

## **COOK COUNTY LAW LIBRARY**

**LOCATION:** 29th Floor,  
Richard J. Daley Center (*and other  
Cook County court locations*)  
**HOURS:** 8:30 to 5:00,  
Monday through Friday  
Access to a wide range of  
legal resources

## **NOTARY PUBLIC AT THE BOND DESK**

**LOCATION:** 12th Floor,  
Richard J. Daley Center,  
Chicago, IL 60602  
**HOURS:** 9:00 to 3:00,  
Pro se litigants can get court  
forms notarized here. Notarization  
costs \$1.00 and requires a  
driver's license or state ID.

## **CHILD ADVOCACY ROOMS**

Child Advocacy rooms are safe  
and nurturing environments where  
children may stay while their  
parents or guardians attend court  
proceedings. Snacks and access  
to toys and games are provided.

### **Domestic Violence Court Building**

**LOCATION:** 555 W. Harrison Street  
1st Floor, Chicago  
**HOURS:** 8:45 to 4:15,  
Monday through Friday

### **Expedited Child Support Center**

**LOCATION:** 32 W. Randolph St.,  
14th Floor, Chicago  
**HOURS:** 9:30 to 11:30,  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

### **Fourth Municipal District Loyola Children's Center at Maywood**

**LOCATION:** 1500 Maybrook Dr.,  
Maywood  
**HOURS:** 8:45 to 4:30,  
Monday through Friday

### **Sixth Municipal District K.C. Conlon Children's Room**

**LOCATION:** 16501 S. Kedzie Pky.,  
1st Floor, Markham  
**HOURS:** 8:30 to 4:30,  
Monday through Friday and 9:00  
to 12:00, Saturday and Sunday

### **Richard J. Daley Center**

**LOCATION:** 50 W. Washington Street,  
Room 1309, Chicago  
**HOURS:** 8:45 to 4:15,  
Monday through Friday

### **Mediation Center**

**LOCATION:** 69 W. Washington St.,  
10th Floor, Chicago  
**HOURS:** 8:45 to 12:30,  
1:30 to 4:00  
Monday through Friday

### **Juvenile Court Building Art and Nature Room**

**LOCATION:** 1100 S. Hamilton Ave.,  
1st Floor, Chicago  
**HOURS:** 9:00 to 4:30,  
Monday through Friday

## LEGAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### *Outside Cook County*

Free or low cost legal assistance is also available outside Cook County. In parts of central and southern Illinois, contact Land of Lincoln Legal Services Foundation, Inc. at 1.877.342.7891. See below for a list of counties served and hotline hours. In parts of central and northern Illinois, contact Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. at 800.531.7057.

For immigration matters in Central and Southern Illinois, contact the Immigration Project at 309.829.8703 or visit their website at [www.immigrationproject.org](http://www.immigrationproject.org).

#### LAND OF LINCOLN LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION OFFICES:

##### **Alton Office**

618.462.0029

800.642.5570

Adams, Bond, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Montgomery, Pike & Schuyler

##### **Carbondale Office**

618.457.7800

800.642.5335

Alexander, Clay, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Richland, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, White & Williamson

#### SEE BELOW FOR A LIST OF COUNTIES SERVED AND HOTLINE HOURS:

Residents of DuPage County can contact DuPage Legal Aid Services at 630.653.6212. Will County residents should contact Will County Legal Assistance Foundation at 815.727.5123.

#### WILL COUNTY HOTLINE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00-11:00 am  
and 1:00-2:00 pm

##### **Champaign Office**

217.356.1351

800.747.5523

Champaign, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Ford, Jasper, Moultrie, Piatt & Vermilion

##### **East St. Louis Office**

618.398.0958

Clinton, Fayette, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington

##### **Springfield Office**

217.529.8400

800.252.8629

Cass, Christian, Logan, Macon, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon, Scott & Shelby

**PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES OFFICES:**

**Batavia Office**

630.232.9415  
800.942.4612  
DeKalb, Kendall & Kane

**Bloomington Office**

309.827.5021  
800.874.2536  
Livingston, McLean & eastern  
Woodford

**Carol Stream Office**

630.690.2130  
800.690.2130  
DuPage

**Galesburg Office**

309.343.2141  
800.331.0617  
Fulton, Henderson, Knox,  
McDonough & Warren

**Kankakee Office**

815.935.2750  
800.346.2864  
Kankakee & Iroquois

**Ottawa Office**

815.434.5903  
800.892.7888  
Bureau, Grundy, La Salle,  
Lee & Putnam

**Peoria Office**

309.674.9831  
800.322.2280  
Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell  
& western Woodford

**Rock Island Office**

309.794.1328  
800.322.9804  
Henry, Mercer, Rock Island &  
Whiteside

**Rockford Office**

815.965.2902  
800.892.2985  
Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle,  
Stephenson & Winnebago

**Waukegan Office**

847.662.6925  
800.942.3940  
Lake & McHenry

## OTHER RESOURCES

### *Outside Cook County*

#### **DUPAGE COUNTY**

[www.co.dupage.il.us](http://www.co.dupage.il.us)

#### **Circuit Court of DuPage County**

Court Administrator  
18th Judicial Circuit Court  
505 N. County Farm Rd.  
Room 2015  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630.407.2800  
[www.co.dupage.il.us/circuitcourt](http://www.co.dupage.il.us/circuitcourt)

#### **Clerk of the Circuit Court of DuPage County**

Judicial Office Facility  
505 County Farm Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630.407.8904  
[www.co.dupage.il.us/courtclerk](http://www.co.dupage.il.us/courtclerk)

#### **DuPage County Bar Association**

126 S. County Farm Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630.653.7779  
[www.dcba.org](http://www.dcba.org)

#### **DuPage County Public Defender**

503 N. County Farm Rd.  
1st Floor,  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630.407.8300  
[www.co.dupage.il.us/pubdef/  
index.cfm](http://www.co.dupage.il.us/pubdef/index.cfm)

#### **DuPage County Sheriff**

501 N. County Farm Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630.407.2400  
[www.co.dupage.il.us/sheriff](http://www.co.dupage.il.us/sheriff)

#### **DuPage County State's Attorney**

503 N. County Farm Rd.  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
630.407.8000  
[www.co.dupage.il.us/statesattorney](http://www.co.dupage.il.us/statesattorney)

#### **LAKE COUNTY**

[www.co.lake.il.us](http://www.co.lake.il.us)

#### **Circuit Court of Lake County**

18 N. County St.  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847.377.3600  
[www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us](http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us)

#### **Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County**

18 N. County St.  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847.377.3380  
[www.co.lake.il.us/circlck](http://www.co.lake.il.us/circlck)

#### **Lake County Bar Association**

7 N. County St.  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847.244.3148  
[www.lakecountyil.gov/CircuitClerk/  
Default.htm](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/CircuitClerk/Default.htm)

**Lake County Public Defender**

15 S. County St.  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847-377-3360  
[www.lakecountvil.gov/  
PublicDefender/Default.htm](http://www.lakecountvil.gov/PublicDefender/Default.htm)

**Lake County Sheriff**

25 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847-377-4000  
[www.co.lake.il.us/sheriff](http://www.co.lake.il.us/sheriff)

**Lake County State's Attorney**

18 N. County St.  
4th Floor  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847-377-3000  
[www.co.lake.il.us/statesattorney](http://www.co.lake.il.us/statesattorney)

**WILL COUNTY**

[www.willcountyillinois.com](http://www.willcountyillinois.com)

**Circuit Court of Will County**

14 W. Jefferson St.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-727-8540  
[www.willcountycourts.com](http://www.willcountycourts.com)

**Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Will County**

The Office of the Circuit Clerk  
14 W. Jefferson St.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-727-8592  
[www.willcountycircuitcourt.com](http://www.willcountycircuitcourt.com)

**Will County Bar Association**

63 W. Jefferson St.  
Suite 202  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-726-0383  
[www.willcountybar.com](http://www.willcountybar.com)

**Will County Public Defender**

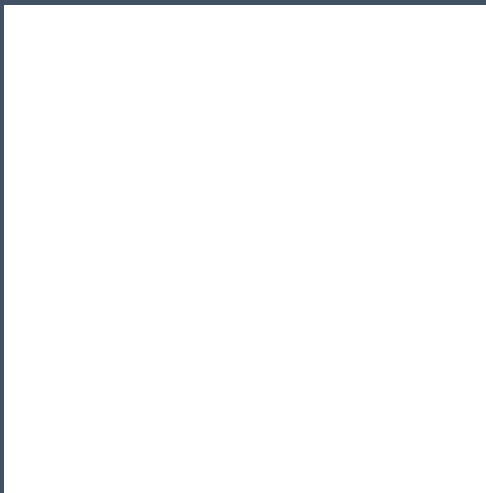
58 E. Clinton St.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-727-8666  
[www.willcountyillinois.com](http://www.willcountyillinois.com)

**Will County Sheriff**

14 W. Jefferson St.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-727-8895  
[www.willcosheriff.org](http://www.willcosheriff.org)

**Will County State's Attorney**

121 N. Chicago St.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
815-727-8453  
[www.willcountyillinois.com/  
statesatty/sahome.htm](http://www.willcountyillinois.com/statesatty/sahome.htm)Mason,  
Menard, Morgan, Sangamon,  
Scott & Shelby



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