Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the Madison County Courthouse

Third Judicial Circuit - 155 North Main Street, Edwardsville, IL 62025; Hours - M-F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE



Self-Help Assistance

Legal Self Help Center

- Find general legal information and court forms.
- Speak with the Legal Self-Help Center Clerk, who can assist with general forms and court process questions.
- Access to computers and the internet.
 - **6**18-296-4472
 - 155 N. Main St., Lower Level Room 24 (back of library)
 - (8:30 am-4:30 pm

Law Library

- Access to legal reference books and Westlaw (legal research program).
- Assistance with federal and state legal research.
- Access to computer terminals, court forms, and photocopying.
 - 618-296-5921
 - ↑ 155 N. Main St., Lower Level Room 24
 - (§ 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Illinois JusticeCorps

- Members provide assistance navigating the courthouse, giving general legal information and connecting people to helpful resources.
- Provides referrals to local social service and legal organizations who may be able to provide assistance to self-represented litigants.
 - Within the Law Library and Information Desk 155 N. Main St., Lower Level



Emergency Orders of Protection

Assistance with Orders of Protection

- Emergency Orders of Protection are seen by judges daily at 11am and 3pm.
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid and Oasis Women's Center are available to assist selfrepresented individuals complete and e-file the necessary forms.
- The Law Library and Legal Self Help Center are also available to assist. Allow for at least an hour before the 11am and 3pm hearings in order to fill out the forms
 - **6**18-296-5412

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E-Filing

Assistance with E-Filing

- ALL civil court documents must be e-filed.
 - Circuit Clerk: 618-692-6240
 - The Circuit Clerk has an efiling room (Lower Level Room 14) staffed by a clerk to assist in the process.
 - E-filing can be completed anywhere with internet access at https://illinois.tylerhost.net/ofsweb with a registered username and passcode.
 - If you believe you are unable to e-file, please bring concerns and questions to the Clerk's Office. The IL Courts Exemption from E-Filing for Good Cause form is available at https://tinyurl.com/ILExemption

60+ Elder Initiative

Elder Law & Justice Division

- Provides seniors (60+) with later docket times, accessible courtrooms, and consolidation of cases.
- When e-filing, include in the e-filing submission that you are requesting special accommodations due to age.
- General Questions: 618-296-4580
- **ADA Questions:** 618-296-4884
- See the Clerk's Office for more information 155 N. Main St., Room 120



Interpreter Requests

- If you have trouble speaking or understanding English <u>OR</u> need a sign language interpreter, the Court may be able to provide an interpreter for you.
- To tell the court that you need an interpreter, you can: ask court personnel, tell the judge, or e-file an interpreter request form.
- An Interpreter Request Form must be e-filed to request an interpreter be present at future court dates.
 - https://tinyurl.com/ ILInterpreter
 - See the Clerk's Office for more information on submitting a request for an interpreter.

RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY



General Resources

Illinois Legal Aid Online

- Legal information, videos, forms and instructions for going to court. Available for free online in English, Spanish, and Polish.
- Chat with volunteers to get help finding forms and legal information- click the green "chat with us" box to get started.
- Select "Get Legal Help" at the top of the screen to get a legal aid or lawyer referral.



www.illinoislegalaid.org

Illinois LawyerFinder

 Assistance in finding an attorney who specializes in a specific area of the law.
Receive a 30-minute consultation with a lawyer in your area for no more than \$25.



1-800-922-8757



https://www.zeekbeek.com/isba

Domestic Violence Services

Oasis Women's Center

618-465-1978 (Alton) or 1-800-244-1978

Phoenix Crisis Center

618-451-1008 (Granite) or 618-664-2953 (Bond)

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

618-462-0029 or 1-800-642-5570

Call For Help (Sexual Assault)

618-462-0029 or 1-800-642-5570

Madison County State's Attorney

6 618-692-6280

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Limited Scope Representation

Finding an Attorney for a Fee

- Limited scope representation is when an attorney helps on certain areas of the case, but not on others. There will be a fee, but much smaller than if the attorney took the entire case.
- A list of attorneys available for limited scope representation is available in the Law Library.
 - See Law Librarian --155 N. Main St., Lower Level Room 24

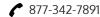


Free Attorneys

Pro bono attorneys may be able to represent an individual in a case free of charge.

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

 Provides free civil legal services to low-income persons and senior citizens in 65 counties in central and southern Illinois.



Mon-Thur. 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Fri. 9:00 am-1:30 pm

Catholic Charities Legal Services

 Helps people with little to no income in obtaining pro bono legal assistance from area lawyers in specialized fields.

1-800-745-5194

Legal Advice Clinic

- 30 minutes of free legal advice with an attorney, who will not necessarily represent you in your case.
- Offered to low-income individuals.
- Must be scheduled with the Legal Self Help Center in the Courthouse.

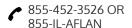
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Veteran Services

Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (IL-AFLAN)

 Statewide hotline that provides legal information, advice, brief services (including the preparation and review of legal documents), and referrals to veterans, service members, National Guard, reservists, and their spouses and dependents.





Additional Veteran Services

 More resources available in the Legal Self Help Center in the Courthouse.



Forms

Madison County Court Website

 The Circuit Clerk's website includes many of the necessary forms to begin a case or file into an existing one.

https://tinyurl.com/
MadisonForms

Illinois Courts Website

 The Illinois Supreme Court's website provides plain language legal forms for self-represented litigants.

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