

Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the McHenry County Courthouse

Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit - 2200 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock, IL 60098; Hours - M-F from 8 am to 4:30 pm

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Self-Help Assistance

- ☐ **McHenry County Legal Self-Help Center**
 - Find general legal information, electronic court forms, and electronic resources.
 - ☎ 815-334-0317
 - 📍 2200 N. Seminary Ave., Rm. 368
 - 🕒 M-F: 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 - ✉ selfhelpcenter@22ndcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov
- ☐ **McHenry County Law Library**
 - Access to printers and computers for legal research.
 - Find printed and electronic resources to help with a case.
 - ☎ 815-334-4166
 - 📍 2200 N. Seminary Ave., Rm. 344
 - 🕒 M-F: 8:00 am-4:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm-1:00 pm for lunch
 - ✉ lawlibrary@22ndcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov
- ☐ **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.
 - 📍 2200 N. Seminary Ave., Rm 136



Language Access

- ☐ **Interpreter Requests**
 - If you have trouble speaking or understanding English **OR** 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.
 - 📄 <https://tinyurl.com/ILInterpreter>
 - ❓ See the Clerk's Office for more information on submitting a request for an interpreter. Language Line is also located in the Self-Help Legal Center.



Emergency Orders of Protection

- ☐ **Assistance with Orders of Protection**
 - Emergency Orders of Protection are seen by judges Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
 - Prairie State Legal Services and JusticeCorps are available to assist self-represented individuals complete and e-file the necessary forms.
 - 📍 2200 N. Seminary Ave., Rm. 353
 - 🕒 M-F: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- ☐ **Turning Point**
 - Assistance is available in the courthouse.
 - 🕒 M-F: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 - ☎ 800-892-8900 or 815-338-8081 (24 hour hotline)



E-Filing

- ☐ **Assistance with E-Filing**
 - **ALL** civil court documents **must** be e-filed.
 - ☎ Circuit Clerk: 815-334-4190
 - 📍 2200 N. Seminary Ave., outside Rm. 136 and 353
 - 📄 E-filing can be completed anywhere with internet access at <https://tinyurl.com/ILE-Filing> 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>



Forms

- ☐ **McHenry County Circuit Court**
 - The Circuit Clerk's website includes many of the necessary forms to begin a case or file into an existing one.
 - 📄 <https://tinyurl.com/McHenryCircuitClerk>
- ☐ **Illinois Courts Website**
 - The Illinois Supreme Court's website provides plain language legal forms for self-represented litigants.
 - 📄 <https://tinyurl.com/ILForms>

60+

Elder Initiatives

- ☐ **Prairie State Legal Services**
 - Older adult (60+) help line for assistance with certain areas of civil law.
 - ☎ **Phone Advice:** 888-965-7757
 - 🕒 M-Th: 9:00 am-2:00 pm
 - 📄 <https://www.pslegal.org>
- ☐ **IL Department of Aging**
 - ☎ **Senior HelpLine:** 1-800-252-8966
 - ☎ **Adult Protective Services Hotline** (24 hours/7 days) - report elder abuse: 1-866-800-1409



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.
 - ☎ 855-452-3526 OR 855-IL-AFLAN
 - 📄 <https://tinyurl.com/AFLAN>

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & 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>

☐ McHenry County Bar Association Attorney Referral Service

- Free referral service to help connect individuals to practicing lawyers in certain cities in McHenry County.

 815-726-0383


 <https://www.mchenrycountybarassoc.org/attorney-referral-service>




Housing/Landlord-Tenant Services

☐ McHenry County Housing Authority

- Administers a Homeless Prevention Program, Emergency Shelter Program & other community services.

 815-338-7752

 1108 N. Seminary Avenue (Route 47)


 <https://www.mchenrycountyhousing.org/>




Family Services

☐ Youth and Family Center of McHenry County

- Provides prevention services to youth and adults in McHenry County.


 815-332-2357


 3430 West Elm Street, McHenry

 <https://yfc-mc.org/>

☐ Catholic Charities McHenry

- Community counseling, bilingual outreach, unplanned pregnancy services and emergency financial assistance such as rental and utility for low income persons or others in need. Also serve as a referral source for other community resources.

 815-344-6956

 5141 W. Bull Valley Rd., McHenry



Free Attorneys


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

☐ Prairie State Legal Services


- Provides free civil legal services to low-income persons and senior citizens in 36 counties in northern Illinois.

 815-344-9113

 5320 West Elm St.


 Mon-Fri. 9:00 am-4:30 pm

 <https://www.pslegal.org>

 SRL Hotline also available Mon & Tues. from 9:00 am -1:00 pm. Call 630-580-3300.

☐ Attorney Help Desk

- Volunteer attorneys offer unrepresented court patrons procedural guidance. These attorneys will be available in the second floor rotunda of the Courthouse.


 Mondays 9:30 am- 11:30 am



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

☐ Turning Point


- Offers a variety of programs and services designed to help victims of abuse.

 815-729-1228 (24 hour DV hotline) or 815-730-8984 (24 hour sexual assault hotline)

 <http://www.mchenrycountyturningpoint.org>

☐ The CARE Center/Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault

- Provides advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling services, and prevention and community education programs.

 815-671-4004 or 888-802-8890 (24 hour crisis hotline)


 4508 Prime Parkway, McHenry

 <http://www.nwcasa.org/>



Civil Process Service

☐ McHenry County Sheriff's Office

 815-338-2144

 2200 N. Seminary Ave.

 <http://www.mchenrysheriff.org/>

☐ Salvation Army of McHenry County

- Services & programs for low-income families, including emergency assistance, homeless prevention and after-school programming.

 815-455-2769

 290 West Crystal Lake Avenue, Crystal Lake

 <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/mchenry>

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