

Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the McLean County Courthouse

Eleventh Judicial Circuit - 104 W. Front St., Bloomington, IL 61701; Hours - M-F from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Self-Help Assistance

☐ Law Library

- Receive general legal information and court forms.
- Walk-in assistance, no appointment necessary.
- Conduct legal research on Westlaw and in print materials.
- Complete e-filing at public computer terminals.

☎ 309-888-4801

📍 104 W. Front St., Room 665

🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

☐ Illinois JusticeCorps

- Members provide assistance navigating the courthouse, giving general legal information, and connecting people to helpful resources.
- Members also provide referrals to local social service and legal organizations and assist with e-filing court forms.

📍 Located in the Law Library,
104 W. Front St., Room 665



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 the circuit clerk, court personnel, or tell the judge.

❓ See the Circuit Clerk's Office for more information on submitting a request for an interpreter.



Emergency Orders of Protection

☐ Assistance with Orders of Protection

- Emergency Orders of Protection are heard by judges from 8:30 am-4:30 pm - see the Circuit Clerk's office for more information.
- Advocates from Mid Central Community Action available to assist with court preparation and hearings to obtain emergency OPs.

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*4:00 pm is the latest an OP can be filed



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 Lawyer Finder

- 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>

☐ McLean County Bar Association

- Find an attorney who specializes in a specific area of the law in McLean County.

☎ 309-888-5265

💻 <https://www.mcleancountybarassociation.com/>

☐ Illinois Court Help

- Court guides can connect you to the resources and information you need to go to court in Illinois.

☎ Call or text 833-411-1121

🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

💻 <https://www.ilcourthelp.gov/>

☐ Access to Justice Commission

- The ATJ website provides legal information, court forms, and referrals to free or low-cost legal help.

💻 <https://atjil.org>

☐ Eviction Help Illinois

- Free legal help for Illinois renters facing potential eviction and landlords without lawyers.

💻 <https://evictionhelpillinois.org>



E-Filing

☐ Assistance with E-Filing

- **ALL civil court documents must be e-filed unless you are eligible for an exemption.**
- Document scanning and e-filing assistance is available in the courthouse. Ask the Circuit Clerk for assistance.

☎ 309-888-5301

📍 Circuit Clerk's Office: 104 W. Front St., 4th Floor

💻 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

☐ McLean 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://www.mcleancountyil.gov/circuitclerk>

☐ Illinois Courts Website

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

💻 <https://tinyurl.com/ILForms>



RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

☐ Mid Central Community Action

- Offers domestic violence services in McLean County, including: emergency shelter; court advocacy; counseling services; adult/youth support & education; and community awareness.

☎ 309-829-0691 (office) or 309-827-7070 (24 hour crisis hotline)

📍 104 W. Front St., Room 605; 1301 W. Washington St.

💻 <http://www.mccainc.org>

☐YWCA Stepping Stones

- Provides 24-hour assistance for sexual assault and sexual abuse victims and their families in McLean County.
- Services include counseling; medical and legal advocacy; and support groups.

☎ 309-662-0461 (office) or 309-827-4005 (24 hour crisis hotline)

📍 1201 N. Hershey Rd.

💻 <https://ywcamclean.org>

☐ McLean County State's Attorney Victim Witness Division

☎ 309-888-5400

📍 104 W. Front St., Room 605

💻 <https://www.mcleancountyil.gov/statesattorney>



County Offices

☐ McLean County Sheriff's Office

- Civil process service for a fee.

☎ 309-888-5034

📍 104 W. Front St.

☐ McLean County Clerk

- Obtain Vital Records, Marriage Licenses and Passports.

☎ 309-888-5190

📍 115 E. Washington St., Room 102



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, their spouses and dependents.

☎ 855-452-3526 OR 855-IL-AFLAN

💻 <https://tinyurl.com/AFLAN>

☐ Veterans Assistance Commission of McLean County

- Provides temporary (emergency) financial assistance, as well as non-financial services to veterans and their families, including: mortgage/rent payments; utility payments; food; and VA claims.

☎ 309-888-5140

📍 200 W. Front St., Room 400D

🕒 Mon.-Th.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Fri.: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

💻 <https://www.mcleancountyil.gov/index.aspx?nid=98>



Free Attorneys

Some services require income qualification.

☐ Prairie State Legal Services

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

☎ 309-827-5021 or 1-800-874-2536

📍 201 W. Olive St. #203

🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

💻 <https://www.pslegal.org>

☐ Free Legal Answers

- Ask volunteer attorneys a specific question about your Illinois civil legal issue.

💻 <https://il.freelegalanswers.org>



Family Services

☐ Children's Home & Aid

- Serves low-income families with services, including child & family counseling; parent support; early childhood care; and foster care.

- Free child care for kids six weeks-12 yrs old available to any parent or guardian who has official court business.

☎ 309-827-0374; 309-888-5598

📍 403 S. State St. & 104 W. Front St., Room 305

💻 <https://www.childrenshomeandaid.org>

☐ Family Community Resource Center

- Provides educational programs for troubled families; 24-hour assistance for families experiencing difficulties; and intervention between caseworkers and families.

☎ 309-821-1616

📍 509 W. Washington St.

💻 <http://thefcrc.org/wp>

☐ McLean County Child Protection Network

- Supports CASA volunteers (appointed by judges) to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children.

☎ 309-445-2280

💻 <https://mcleancpn.org>

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Elder Initiatives

☐ PATH

- Receives, responds to and investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of people living in the community who are 60 years of age and older in McLean and Livingston counties.

☎ Office: 309-827-4005; 24-hr crisis hotline: call 2-1-1

📍 201 E. Grove St., Suite 200

💻 <https://www.pathcrisis.org>

