

Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the Kankakee County Courthouse

Twenty-First Judicial Circuit - 450 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901; Hours - M-F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Self-Help Assistance

Legal Self Help Center

- Access to a computer and ILAO.
- Find general legal information and court forms.
- ☎ 815-937-2915
- 📍 450 E. Court St., Room 209
- 🕒 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 who may be able to provide assistance.
- 📍 Information Desk located inside the courthouse - 450 E. Court Street

Kankakee Public Library

- Access to legal reference books and ILAO.
- Assistance with federal and state legal research.
- Access to computer terminals, court forms, and photocopying.
- ☎ 815-939-4564
- 📍 201 E. Merchant Street, 3rd Floor
- 🕒 Mon.-Thu.: 9:00 am-9:00 pm;
Fri.: 9:00 am-6:00 pm;
Sat.: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Kankakee County Clerk

- Obtain vital records, Marriage Licenses, and Passports.
- ☎ 815-937-2990
- 📍 189 E. Court Street
- 🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm



Emergency Orders of Protection

Assistance with Orders of Protection

- Emergency Orders of Protection are seen by judges Mon.-Fri., from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- Prairie State Legal Services and Harbor House are available by appointment only to assist self-represented individuals complete and e-file the necessary forms. SRL's should inquire by phone at:
 - ☎ 815-935-2750 for Prairie State Legal Services
 - ☎ 815-932-5800 for Harbor House



E-Filing

Assistance with E-Filing

- **ALL** civil court documents **must** be e-filed.
- ☎ Circuit Clerk: 815-936-5700
- 📍 450 E. Court St., Room 209
- 💻 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>



Civil Process Service

Kankakee County Sheriff's Office

- ☎ 815-802-7100
- 📍 3000 S. Justice Way

Diligent Detective Agency

- ☎ 877-694-3332

Fahrow Private Process Service

- ☎ 815-933-9253

Skimerhorn Investigations

- ☎ 815-933-0842



Elder Initiatives

Catholic Charities - Aging & Disability Services

- Offers options counseling, information & assistance, care coordination, elder abuse, crisis intervention and volunteer opportunities for older adults and persons with disabilities.
- ☎ **General Questions:** 815-932-1921 or 933-7791
- 📍 249 S. Schuyler Ave., Suite 300
- 💻 <https://tinyurl.com/CC Aging>

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



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.
- If you need an interpreter, you can ask the circuit clerk, 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.
- 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>

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>




Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Harbor House


 815-932-5814 (office) or
815-932-5800 (24 hour crisis hotline)

 <http://www.harborhousedv.org/index.html>


Prairie State Legal Services

 815-935-2750 or
1-800-346-2864

Kankakee County State's Attorney

 815-936-5800

Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault


 815-932-7273 (office) or
815-932-3322 (24 hour crisis hotline)



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 Kankakee County

- Serves low-income, homeless, disabled, at-risk veterans, and their families.
- Honorably discharged veterans may be eligible for services, subject to program requirements and income guidelines.
- Assistance with Veteran's Treatment Court.

 815-937-8489

 <http://www.k3countyvac.com/>




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 Illinois.

 815-935-2750 or
1-800-346-2864

 187 S. Schuyler Ave #350

 Mon-Thur. 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-3:00 pm; Fri. by appointment only.



Forms

Kankakee County Court Website

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

 http://www.k3county.net/circuitclerk_files.html

Illinois Courts Website


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

 <https://tinyurl.com/ILForms>




Miscellaneous


Child Abuse Hotline

 1-800-252-2873

Parenting Classes

 815-802-8206 -
scheduled via KCC

National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR)

 1-800-431-2804 -
assistance with Social Security claims

Notes: