

Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the Knox County Courthouse

Ninth Judicial Circuit - 200 S. Cherry Street, Galesburg, IL 61401; Hours - M-F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Self-Help Assistance

- Legal Self Help Center - Illinois JusticeCorps**
 - Members provide assistance navigating the courthouse, giving general legal information and court forms.
 - Assistance with family law/custody, orders of protection, divorce, foreclosure, and expungement and sealing.
 - Provides referrals to local social service and legal organizations who may be able to provide assistance to self-represented litigants.
 - Walk-in assistance, no appointments are necessary.

➔ 200 S. Cherry St. basement-check-in with the Circuit Clerk's Office

🕒 M-F, 8:30 am -4:30 pm

- Galesburg Public Library**
 - Access to legal reference books.
 - Assistance with federal and state legal research.
 - Access to computer terminals, court forms and photocopying.
- ☎ 309-343-6118
- ➔ 40 E. Simmons St.
- 🕒 M-Th: 9:00 am-8:00 pm;
Fri-Sat.: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

- Knox County Clerk**
 - Obtain Vital Records, Marriage Licenses and Voter Registration.
- ☎ 309-345-3815
- ➔ 200 S. Cherry Street
- 🕒 M-F - 8:30 am-4:30 pm



Civil Process Service

- Knox County Sheriff's Office**
 - Civil process services for a fee.
- ☎ 309-345-3733
- ➔ 152 South Kellogg St.



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.
 - Safe Harbor and IL JusticeCorps are available to assist self-represented individuals complete and e-file the necessary forms.
- ☎ 309-345-3859
- ➔ 200 S. Cherry St.
- 🕒 8:30 am-4:30 pm



E-Filing

- Assistance with E-Filing**
 - ALL civil court documents must be e-filed.**
- ☎ Circuit Clerk: 309-345-3859
- ➔ 200 S. Cherry St., 1st 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

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



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>



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.
 - An Interpreter Request Form must be e-filed to request an interpreter be present at future court dates.

💻 <https://tinyurl.com/ILInterpreter>

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

RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY



Housing Services

- Knox County Housing Authority**
 - Oversees Knox County's Public Housing Program, Housing Choice Vouchers, and Affordable Housing Program.
 - ☎ 309-342-8129
 - 📍 216 W. Simmons St.
 - 🕒 Mon-Fri. 8:00 am-4:30 pm
 - 💻 <https://knoxcountyhousing.org/>
- Lutheran Social Services**
 - Offers affordable housing for older adults and people with disabilities.
 - ☎ 309-343-7681
 - 💻 <https://www.lssi.org/>



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

- Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center**
 - ☎ 309-343-7233 (24 hour crisis hotline)
 - 📍 1188 West Main St.
 - 💻 <http://www.safeharbordv.org>
- Rescue Mission & Women's Shelter**
 - ☎ 309-343-4151
 - 📍 435 E. 3rd St.
 - 💻 <http://www.galesburgrescuemission.org/>
- Knox County State's Attorney**
 - ☎ 309-345-3880
 - 📍 200 S. Cherry St., 3rd Floor
 - 🕒 Mon-Fri. 8:00 am-4:30 pm



Miscellaneous

- Bridgeway Services**
 - Specialized programs for mental health, developmental, intellectual or other disabilities; substance abuse problems; family issues; and employment challenges.
 - ☎ 309-344-2323
- Carver Community Action Agency**
 - Provides emergency food, shelter, and home energy assistance.
 - ☎ 309-342-0158



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>
- Veterans Assistance Commission of Knox 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.
 - ☎ 309-345-3877 or 309-345-3809
 - 💻 <https://tinyurl.com/KnoxVeterans>
- VA Community Outpatient Clinic**
 - Services for veterans include: primary care, mental health, substance abuse counseling, physical therapy, social work help, and other programs.
 - ☎ 309-343-0311
 - 📍 310 Home Blvd.



Family Services

- Center for Youth and Family Solutions**
 - Counseling, casework, and support services for youth and families.
 - ☎ 309-342-1136
 - 📍 292 N. Chambers St.
 - 💻 <https://www.cyfsolutions.org>
- Family Planning Service of Western Illinois**
 - Provides low cost reproductive healthcare to men and women throughout Western Illinois.
 - ☎ 309-343-6162
 - 📍 311 E. Main St., Suite 409
- Salvation Army Community Center**
 - ☎ 309-342-9168
 - 📍 510 N. Kellogg St.



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.
 - ☎ 309-343-2141 or 1-800-331-0617
 - 📍 311 East Main Street, #302, Galesburg
 - 🕒 Mon-Fri. 8:30 am-5:00 pm



Elder Initiatives

- Alternatives**
 - Offers information & assistance, care coordination, elder abuse prevention, crisis intervention, and an Ombudsman for those who live in licensed, long-term care facilities.
 - General Questions:** 309-277-0167 or 1-800-798-0988
 - 📍 335 East Main Street
 - 💻 <http://alternativesforyou.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

- VNA Community Services**
 - Offers information & assistance to seniors, including home delivered meals, transportation services, help with Medicare Part D, caregiving coordination, and fitness programs.
 - ☎ 309-342-1152
 - 📍 2262 Grand Ave.

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