

# Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the Peoria County Courthouse

Tenth Judicial Circuit -324 Main Street Peoria, IL 61602; Hours - M-F from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

## RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



### Self-Help Assistance

#### Law Library

- Receive general legal information and court forms.
- Free access to up-to-date legal information in print and online.
- Connect patrons to the resources they need for court.
- Patron E-filing at computer terminals.

📍 324 S Main St., Room 211

☎ 309.672.6084

🕒 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-5:00 pm

#### Illinois Justice Corps

- 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,  
324 Main St., Room 211



### 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 you need an interpreter, ask court personnel, tell the judge, or e-file an interpreter request form available at

📄 [Interpreter Request | Office of the Illinois Courts](#)



### Emergency Orders of Protection

#### Assistance with Orders of Protection

- There is no cost for an order of protection, and there is trained staff at the Peoria County Courthouse to assist you in filing the necessary
- To seek an order of protection, visit Peoria County Courthouse, or call.

📍 324 Main St. Room G-14

☎ 309.672.6074



### General Resources

#### Illinois Legal Aid Online

- ILAO's Form Library provides over 70 apps that generate free court forms for patrons seeking solutions to their legal issue.
- Select "Get Legal Help" at the top of the screen to get a legal aid or lawyer referral.
- Legal information, videos, forms and instructions for going to court. Available for free online in English, Spanish, and Polish.

📄 [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org)

#### Illinois Legal Finder

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

☎ 1.800.922.8757

#### Peoria County Bar Association

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

☎ 309.674.1224

📄 [Home - Peoria County Bar Association \(peoriabar.org\)](http://peoriabar.org)

#### 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.: 8:30 am-3:00 pm

📄 <https://www.ilcourthelp.gov>

#### 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 at the Peoria County law library.

☎ 309.672.6084

📍 324 Main St. Peoria, IL 2nd Floor. Room 211

📄 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 Law Library. The IL Courts Exemption from E-Filing for Good Cause form is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ILExemption>



### Forms

#### Peoria County Court Website

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

📄 [10th Circuit Forms | Peoria County Tenth JCC, IL \(10thcircuitcourtil.org\)](http://10thcircuitcourtil.org)

#### Illinois Courts Website

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

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/ILForms>



## Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

- Center for Prevention of Abuse**
  - Providing services to victims of, domestic violence victims in Peoria, County, including emergency shelter.
  - CFPA staff are located in the Peoria County Courthouse to help victims with the process of seeking an Order of Protection.

☎ 309.691.0551 (office) or 309.672.6074 (courthouse hotline)  
 📍 324 Main St Room G-14 Peoria, IL 61602

💻 [Center for Prevention of Abuse](#)

- Freedom House INC.**
  - Advocates assist clients in obtaining Orders of protection or stalking no-contact orders.
  - Emotional support is provided in divorce, family cases, cases involving the abuser.
  - Assist victims as they navigate through the legal system.

☎ 309.852.4008

💻 [Home - Freedom House \(freedomhouseillinois.org\)](#)



## County Offices

- Peoria County Sheriff's Office**
  - Civil process service for a fee.

☎ 309. 672.6040  
 📍 324 Main St Room B-14
- Peoria County Clerk**
  - Obtain Vital Records, Marriage Licenses and Passports.

☎ 309. 672.6059  
 📍 324 Main St Room 101
- Peoria County Circuit Clerk**
  - Managing all clerical functions that are related to the court.

☎ 309. 672.6000  
 📍 324 Main St Room G22



## 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

💻 [IL-AFLAN: Free Legal Aid for Illinois Armed Forces \(ilaflan.org\)](#)



## Free Attorneys

- Some services require income qualification.
- Free Legal Answers**
    - Ask volunteer attorneys a specific question about your Illinois civil legal issue.

💻 [Illinois \(freelegalanswers.org\)](#)
  - Prairie State Legal Services**
    - Provides free civil legal services to low-income persons and senior citizens in 36 counties in northern and central Illinois.

☎ 309.674.9831 or 800.322.2280  
 📍 411 Hamilton 1812 Blvd  
 🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-5:00 pm  
 💻 [Prairie State Legal Services \(pslegal.org\)](#)

- Peoria County Pro Bono Help desk**
  - Pro bono lawyers provide a free 30-minute consultation to answer questions, explain the legal process and provide general direction on your case.
  - Only available on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Sign up for an upcoming Help Desk date in Peoria County at.

☎ 833.275.7454  
 💻 [Peoria County Pro Bono Help Desk | Peoria County Tenth JCC, IL \(10thcircuitcourt.org\)](#)



## Family Services

- Family Justice Center**
  - Peoria County Family Justice Center is a multi-disciplinary response team designed to provide services to victims of Domestic Violence.

☎ 800.559.SAFE (7233), or Domestic Violence Hotline at 800.799.7233  
 📍 Located in the Associated Bank Building

💻 [Family Justice Center | Peoria County, IL](#)
- Children's Advocacy Center**
  - Peoria County Children's Advocacy Center coordinates services for the protection, healing and justice for child victims of sexual abuse and serious physical abuse.

☎ 309.669.2900  
 📍 501 E Gift Ave, Peoria, IL 61603  
 🕒 Mon -Fri 8:30-5:00

## Peoria County



## Elder Initiatives

- Prairie State Legal**
  - Legal assistance for older adults. Aged 60 and older.
  - Help line with certain areas of civil law.
  - Applications completed via phone.

☎ Toll Free: 888.965.7757  
 Office :309.674.9831  
 📍 303 Main St , Suite 600 Rockford, IL 61101  
 💻 <https://www.pathcrisis.org>

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