

Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the Sangamon County Court Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Self-Help Assistance

- Sangamon County Self Help Legal Center**
 - Provide general legal information and court assistance.
 - Westlaw Patron Access Terminal
 - Computers, WiFi available.
 - Walk-in assistance or appointments available.
 - ☎ 217-753-6771
 - 📍 Sangamon County Court Complex, 6th Floor, 6B
 - 🕒 Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm, hours may vary
 - 💻 <https://www.sangamoncountycircuitclerk.org/>

- 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.
 - 📍 6th floor, office 6B, Sangamon County Court Complex
 - ☎ 217-753-6771



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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 contact Court Administration, 5th floor, office 522
 - An Interpreter Request Form must be e-filed to request an interpreter be present at future court dates.
 - ☎ 217-753-6360
 - 📍 Sangamon County Court Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701
 - 🕒 Mon.-Fri. 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.



Emergency Orders of Protection

- Assistance with Orders of Protection**
 - Emergency Orders of Protection are heard by judges M-F at 1:30p.m.
 - Advocates are available to assist self-represented litigants complete and file the necessary forms.
 - 📍 Sangamon County Court Complex, Office 5B and Office 6B
 - 🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm



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 see 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>



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 Circuit Clerk's office.
 - The ILJC office/Sangamon County Self-Help Center also provides e-filing terminals where staff can assist with the e-filing process.
 - ☎ 217-753-6674 (Clerk); 217-753-6771 (ILJC)
 - 📍 Sangamon County Complex 200 S. 9th Street
 - 💻 E-filing can be completed anywhere with internet access at <https://tinyurl.com/ILE-Filing> with a registered username and passcode.
 - ❓ If you are unable to e-file, please bring concerns and questions to the Circuit Clerk's Office. The IL Courts Exemption from E-Filing for Good Cause form is available at <https://tinyurl.com/ILExemption>



Forms

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



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Free Attorneys

Some services require income qualification.

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

- Provides free civil legal services to low-income persons and senior citizens of central and southern Illinois.

☎ 217-529-8400 or 1-877-342-7891

📍 3085 Adlai Stevenson Drive, Suite 202, Springfield, IL 62703

🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

🌐 <https://lincolnlegal.org/>

Catholic Charities Legal Services

- Community based quality legal services program provided to qualifying clients from area pro bono attorneys

☎ 217-523-9201

🌐 <https://cc.dio.org/programs/catholic-charities-legal-services>

Illinois Free Legal Answers

- Virtual legal advice clinic in which qualifying users can post civil legal questions on a secured website to be answered by volunteer lawyers at no cost..

🌐 <https://il.freelegalanswers.org>

LOLLA Eviction & Fresh Start Project Hotline

🕒 Hours of operation Mon.-Fri. 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

☎ 855-601-9474

LOLLA Legal Advice & Referral Center

🕒 Hours of operation Mon.-Thurs. 9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m.

☎ 877-342-7891

Equip For Equality Legal Advocacy Services

- Legal department engages in wide range of services for people with disabilities including information and referral, self-advocacy assistance, legal advice, negotiation and direct representation.

☎ 217-544-0464 or 800-537-2632

📍 1 W Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701

🕒 Mon.-Fri. 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

🌐 <https://www.equipforequality.org/get-legal-help-from-efe/> or email: ContactUs@equipforequality.org



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 Sangamon County

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

☎ 217-753-6680

📍 901 S. 11th Street, Springfield, IL 62703

🕒 Mon. - Thurs. 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

🌐 <https://sangamonil.gov/departments/s-z/veterans-assistance-commission>



County Offices

Sangamon County Clerk

- Obtain birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, election and property info, register to vote, and apply for passports.

☎ 217-753-6700

📍 200 S. 9th Street, Room 101 Springfield, IL 62701

🕒 Mon.-Fri. 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

🌐 <https://sangamonil.gov/departments/a-c/county-clerk/county-clerk-home-page>

Sangamon County Sheriff's Office

- Civil process service for a fee. Court Security Department
- 📍 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701

☎ 217-753-6666

🌐 <https://www.sangamoncounty-sheriff.com/>

Sangamon County States Attorney Office

Information on criminal charges Victim & Witness Advocacy
☎ 217-753-6690



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Sojourn Shelter & Services, Inc.

- Offers domestic violence services in Sangamon, Menard, Christian, Montgomery and Logan counties, including: emergency shelter; court advocacy; counseling services; prevention education; and community awareness.

☎ 217-726-5100 (office); 217-726-5200 or 866-HELP4DV (24 hr DV crisis hotline)

📍 1800 Westchester Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704

Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault (PCASA)

- Supports survivors of sexual violence, promotes healing and prevention and creates social change throughout Central Illinois.

- Services include; crisis intervention, trauma counseling; legal and medical advocacy; and 24 hr hotline.

☎ 217-744-2560 (office); 217-753-8081 (24 hr crisis hotline)

🌐 <https://prairiecasa.org/>



Family Services

The Parent Place

- Prevention organization teaching parents and local professionals positive parenting skills and techniques.
- Offers family mediation, positive co-parenting classes and diaper pantry.

☎ 217-753-8730

📍 314 S. Grand Ave W, Springfield, IL 62704

🌐 <https://www.tppos.org/>

Family Communication Centers

- Serves Central Illinois offering supervised parenting time, supervised visits, anger management classes, mediation and parent education

☎ 217-717-0195

📍 729 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62703

🌐 <https://famcomm1.com/>

Family Service Center

- Provides families in Central Illinois with foster care, adoption and counseling services.

☎ 217-528-8406

🌐 <https://familyservicecenter.org/>