

Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the Will County Courthouse

Twelfth Judicial Circuit - 14 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432; Hours - M-F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Self-Help Assistance

- Will County Law Library & Self-Help Legal Center**
 - Access to computers and printing.
 - Conduct legal research using Westlaw and ILAO.
 - Find general legal information and court forms.
 - WillCoJAC members available to assist with general information.

📞 815-727-8619

📍 14 W. Jefferson St., 4th Floor

🕒 M-F: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- Illinois JusticeCorps**
 - Members provide assistance navigating the courthouse, giving general legal information and connecting people to helpful resources.
 - Provides referrals to local social service and legal organizations who may be able to provide assistance to self-represented litigants.

📍 Information Desk located inside the Self-Help Center - 14 W. Jefferson St.
- Will County Clerk**
 - Obtain Vital Records, Marriage Licenses and Voting Registration.

📞 815-740-4615

📍 302 N. Chicago St.

🕒 M-F: 8:30 am-4:30 pm



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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.
 - To tell the court that you need an interpreter, you can: ask court personnel, tell the judge, or e-file an interpreter request form.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/ILInterpreter>

❓ See the Clerk's Office for more information on submitting a request for an interpreter. Language Line is also located in the Self-Help Legal Center.



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.
 - Prairie State Legal Services and JusticeCorps/WillCoJAC are available to assist self-represented individuals complete and e-file the necessary forms.

📞 815-727-8592

📍 14 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor

🕒 M-F: 8:30 am-4:30 pm



E-Filing

- Assistance with E-Filing**
 - **ALL civil court documents must be e-filed.**

📞 Circuit Clerk: 815-727-8592

📍 14 W. Jefferson St.

📄 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

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

📄 <https://www.circuitclerkofwillcounty.com/>
- Illinois Courts Website**
 - The Illinois Supreme Court's website provides plain language legal forms for self-represented litigants.

📄 <https://tinyurl.com/ILForms>



Elder Initiatives

- Prairie State Legal Services**
 - Older adult (60+) help line for assistance with certain areas of civil law.

📞 **Phone Advice:** 888-965-7757

🕒 M-Th: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

📄 <https://www.pslegal.org>
- Crisis Line of Will County - Sunshine Program**
 - Calls to the elderly, disabled and homebound individuals to check on their well-being.

📞 815-744-5280

🕒 24 hours, 7 days per week

📄 <http://www.willfinduhelp.org>
- Senior Services of Will County**
 - Assists seniors to live safe, healthy and independent lives through numerous programs and services.

📞 815-723-9713

📄 <http://willcountyseniors.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



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>

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & 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- 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>

Will County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

- Assistance locating an attorney for a fee. Receive a 30-minute initial consultation with a lawyer for \$15.

 815-726-0383

 <http://willcountybar.org>




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.

 815-727-5123

 18 W. Cass St., 5th Fl.

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

 <https://www.pslegal.org>




Family Services

United Way of Will County

- Administers emergency food and shelter program.


 815-723-2500

 54 N. Ottawa St., Suite 300

 <https://uwwill.org>

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

- Services & programs for low-income families, including parenting classes, anger mgmt, homeless prevention and Head Start.


 815-723-3405

 203 N. Ottawa St.

 <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org>

Community Service Council of Northern Will County

- Family, marital and individual counseling.
- Court-mandated classes.
- Mortgage default and foreclosure prevention, and home purchasing education.


 815-886-5000

 309 N. Eastern Ave.


 <https://www.thescs.org>

Salvation Army of Joliet

- Services & programs for low-income families, including emergency assistance, homeless prevention and after-school programming.

 815-726-4834

 300 Third Ave.

 <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/joliet>



Civil Process Service

Will County Sheriff's Office

 815-727-8895

 14 W. Jefferson St.


 <https://www.willcosheriff.org>



Housing/Landlord-Tenant Services

Will County Center for Community Concerns

- Rental assistance, housing counseling, emergency assistance and employment support.


 815-722-0722

 2455 Glenwood Ave.


 <http://wccccc.net>

Catholic Charities- Daybreak Center

- Limited assistance with rent or mortgage, temporary housing, food, utilities & transportation.

 815-774-4663

 611 E. Cass St.


 <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/daybreak-center>



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Guardian Angel Community Services


- Emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy and partner abuse programs.

 815-729-1228 (24 hour DV hotline) or 815-730-8984 (24 hour sexual assault hotline)

 <http://www.gacsprogams.org>

Bridges to a New Day


- Provides counseling, advocacy and prevention services.

 815-838-2690

 <https://bridgestoanewday.org>

Mutual Ground

- Counseling, emergency shelter, and other family services.

 630-897-0080 (24 hr DV hotline) or 630-897-8383 (24 hr sexual assault hotline)

 <http://www.mutualground.org>

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