

Referrals for People Without Lawyers at the Kane County Judicial Center

Sixteenth Judicial Circuit - 37W777 IL Rt. 38, St. Charles, IL 60175

RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



Self-Help Assistance

Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center

- Librarians help people locate general legal information and court forms and provide Zoom Court assistance.
- Computers, WiFi, and photocopiers are also available.

☎ 630-406-7126

📍 Kane County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor

🕒 Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm;
Wed.: 8:30 am-7:00 pm

💻 <http://kclawlibrary.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.

📍 Located in the Law Library & Self-Help Center, 2nd Floor

☎ 224-407-6400



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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 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>

✉ interpreter@kanecountyil.gov

❓ For further information regarding requesting an interpreter, contact the Chief Judge's Office by phone at 630-762-2243, or email interpreter@kanecountyil.gov



Emergency Orders of Protection

Assistance with Orders of Protection

- Emergency Orders of Protection are heard by judges from 8:30 am-4:30 pm (except from noon-1:00 pm).
- Prairie State Legal Services or law clerks are available to assist self-represented litigants complete and file the necessary forms.

📍 Kane County Judicial Center, Room 149

🕒 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- The ATJ website provides legal information, court forms, and referrals to free or low-cost legal help.

💻 <https://atjl.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 Kane County Law Library & Self-Help Center also provides e-filing terminals where staff can assist with the e-filing process.

☎ 630-232-3413 (Clerk);
630-406-7126 (Library)

📍 Circuit Clerk's Office: 540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles

💻 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>

Kane County Circuit Clerk

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

💻 <http://cic.countyofkane.org>



RESOURCES IN THE COURTHOUSE & COMMUNITY



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 and central Illinois.

☎ 630-690-2130 or 1-800-690-2130
 📍 31W001 E. North Avenue, Suite 200, West Chicago, 60185
 🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 am-5:00 pm
 🌐 <https://www.pslegal.org>

Administer Justice

- Provides civil legal services and self-represented litigant coaching for low-income persons. \$30 fee.

☎ 855-818-4554
 🌐 <http://administerjustice.org>

Divorce & Family Law Help

- Phone and Walk In Service through the Kane County Law Library & Self-Help Legal Center where family law lawyers volunteer to help self-represented litigants with divorce and other family legal questions.

☎ 630-406-7126
 📍 Kane County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor
 🕒 Mon.: 8:30 am- 10:30am; walk-in
 🕒 Thurs.: 11:00 am-12:00 pm; call-in

Ask a Lawyer Day

- Ask a lawyer your Kane County civil legal question by phone. Sponsored by the Kane County Bar Association.

☎ 630-762-1900
 🕒 Second Saturday of every month from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Free Legal Answers

- Ask volunteer attorneys a specific question about your Illinois civil legal issue.

🌐 <https://il.freelegalanswers.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://iejf.org/il-aflan/>

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kane 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.

☎ 630-232-3550
 🕒 Mon-Fri.: 8:30 am-4:30 pm; by appointment only
 📍 719 Batavia Avenue, Building A, Geneva
 🌐 <http://www.countyofkane.org/pages/veterans.aspx>



County Offices

Kane County Clerk

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

☎ 630-232-5950
 📍 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva and 5 E. Downer PL., Suite F, Aurora
 🌐 <http://www.kanecountyclerk.org>

Kane County Sheriff's Office

- Civil process service for a fee.

☎ 630-232-6840
 📍 37W755 IL Route 38, St. Charles
 🌐 <http://kanesheriff.com>



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Mutual Ground

- Offers domestic violence services in the Greater Aurora area, Southern Kane and all of Kendall County including: emergency shelter; court advocacy; counseling services; prevention education; and community awareness.

☎ 630-897-0084 (office); 630-897-0080 (24 hr DV crisis hotline); or 630-897-8383 (24 hr sexual assault hotline).

🌐 <http://www.mutualground.org>

Community Crisis Center

- Serves northern half of Kane County, including St. Charles, for help with situations including domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, suicide, and other crisis situations.
- Services include emergency shelter; counseling; legal and medical advocacy; and family services.

☎ 847-742-4088 (office); 847-697-2380 (24 hr crisis hotline); or 847-697-9740 (24 hr Español crisis hotline).

🌐 <https://www.crisiscenter.org>



Family Services

Children's Waiting Room

- Free, secure, short-term supervised child care is available for people with court-related business in the Judicial Center.

☎ Call 630-232-3954 to make a reservation
 📍 Kane County Judicial Center, Lower Level

🌐 <https://kanecountybarfoundation.org/kane-county-childrens-waiting-room/>

Kids 1st Program - Kane County Diagnostic Center

- Kane County Circuit Court's mandated parenting education program for when the allocation of parental responsibilities may be at issue.

☎ 630-232-5856
 📍 530 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles

🌐 <https://www.kids1stkanecounty.com>

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