

Information For Self-Represented Litigants

- If you have a case on this call and you need advice on procedure, you can call JusticeCorps (872-529-1093).
- If you are a defendant, extensive information regarding available services often accompanies the complaint with which you were served. Please thoroughly review all material.
- All litigants are required to file an appearance with the Clerk's Office in order to appear in court and be heard. If you cannot afford to pay the appearance fee, ask the Clerk for a Petition to Waive Court Fees.
- Free legal assistance can often be found as follows:
 - Legal Aid Chicago at www.legalaidchicago.org or (312) 341-1070
 - Chicago Legal Clinic at www.clclaw.org or (312) 726-2938
 - CARPLS at 312-738-9200
 - Illinois Legal Aid Online at www.illinoislegalaid.org
 - Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) at www.cvls.org or 312-332-1624
 - Cook County Legal Aid for Housing & Debt at www.cookcountylegalaid.org or (855) 956-5763
 - IL Court Help: at www.ilcourthelp.gov or (833) 411-1121
- If you need legal advice but do not qualify for legal aid, you can contact JEP (the Justice Entrepreneurs Project) at www.jepchicago.community.lawyer or 312-546-3282.
- Illinois Statewide Forms for filings in your case can be found at www.ilcourts.info/forms
- Self-represented litigants must comply with the relevant Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, Illinois Supreme Court Rules and the Circuit Court of Cook County Rules. These rules can be found at:
 - www.ilga.gov
 - www.state.il.us.court/SupremeCourtRules