



Legal Self-Help Center

Free Legal Advice Friday Mornings 9 am – Noon in the Lawyers Lobby.

I don't have enough money to talk to a lawyer.....

Then you should contact **Prairie State Legal Services** to see if you qualify for legal aid. *Prairie State Legal Services* provides legal services to low-income, elderly, and disabled people living in your area of Illinois.

Contact Info: (800) 531-7057; Monday – Thursday (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Seniors: (888) 965-7757; Monday – Thursday (9:00am – 2:00pm)

If you qualify for their services, then you will be able to speak to a lawyer about your legal problems.

Prairie State's website: www.pslegal.org

I'm a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault.....

Mutual Ground 418 Oak Ave, Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 897-0080 Website: www.mutualground.org

You will speak to an advocate who can provide you with information on Orders of Protection and Civil No Contact Orders, shelter, counseling, referrals, hospital advocacy and other services.

How can I find a lawyer?

Illinois State Bar Association's Lawyer Finder service

Website: www.illinoislawyerfinder.com

Kendall County Bar Association has local attorney information. If you know an attorney's name, you can search the bar association website. Website: www.kendallcountybar.org

Both services give you the name of a local lawyer who can discuss your legal issue with for a low fee. After the initial consultation, you can decide whether or not to hire the lawyer.

I still can't find a lawyer to help me.....

The Kendall County Circuit Court has established a new, FREE Kendall County Legal Self Help Center. This online legal self-help center will provide information about your legal problem. If you do not have access to the internet, the Kendall County Legal self-help center can be accessed during regular business hours at the following libraries: Kendall County Courthouse Law Library, Yorkville, Oswego, Montgomery, Plano, Newark Public Libraries. If you have internet access at home or another location, the center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at

<http://kendall.illinoislegalaid.org>

NOTE: Librarians can't tell you what to put in court documents nor can they provide you with advise about your legal problem. The legal self-help center provides only information. If you need legal advice, you need to consult an attorney or decide on your own what you should do.

Having a lawyer in court can make a real difference. If you can't find an attorney to represent you and need to go to court alone, one of these options might help. Take the time to prepare for your court hearing. Remember court personnel can't give legal advice but can give legal information.



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Legal Answers

Illinois Legal Aid has a new program LEGAL ANSWERS, which is a secure website where qualifying Illinois residents can ask volunteer attorneys for assistance with a legal issue via email

To qualify, users must earn less than 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and have less than \$5,000 in assets. Legal Answers attorneys will answer questions related to the following legal issues:

- Family and safety (divorce, child support, orders of protection, etc.)
- Money and debt (small claims, bankruptcy, etc.)
- House and apartments (foreclosure, eviction, etc.)
- Business and work (job or employer issues, unemployment, etc)

To get a referral to Legal Answers, users should use IllinoisLegalAid.org's [Get Legal Help page](#) and complete the fields to get a legal referral (check the box next to "A lawyer" in the "What type of help do you want?" section). If they initially qualify, they will receive more information about how to apply for the Legal Answers program.