

Getting Started

Answer to Complaint for Forfeiture (Not Involving Drugs or Money Laundering)

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use the *Answer to Complaint for Forfeiture (Not Involving Drugs or Money Laundering)* form in your case. Your use of this form does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the form and file it with the court, read the *How to Prepare and Send an Answer to Complaint for Forfeiture (Not Involving Drugs or Money Laundering)* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

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| Name of the form: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Answer to Complaint for Forfeiture (Not Involving Drugs or Money Laundering)</i>• <i>Appearance (Civil Asset Forfeiture)</i>• <i>Additional Proof of Delivery (Civil Asset Forfeiture)</i> (if needed) |
| Purpose of the form: | Use this form to respond to the claims that the State of Illinois made in the Complaint for Forfeiture. The <i>Answer</i> is where you say whether you agree or disagree with what the State of Illinois is claiming. |
| Types of cases the form CAN be used for: | Civil asset forfeiture cases not involving drugs or money laundering. |
| Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for: | Civil asset forfeiture cases involving drugs or money laundering or any other civil or criminal case. |
| Cost to file the form: | There is no fee to file the <i>Answer to Complaint for Forfeiture (Not Involving Drugs or Money Laundering)</i> . There is a fee to file the <i>Appearance</i> form. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you can ask the court to file for free or at a reduced cost by filing the <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees</i> . |
| Special information or papers needed to complete the form: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You will need the Complaint for Forfeiture that was filed by the State's Attorney; and• Information about how you own the property. |
| Statutes covering the form: | Illinois Supreme Court Rules: 13 , 131 , 136 , 137 , 138 , 183 , 281 , 286 . Illinois Statutes: 720 ILCS 5/36 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-601 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-301 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-615 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-619 |
| Where to find the form and instruction sheet: | illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/ |
| For more information: | Read the <i>How to Prepare and Send an Answer to Complaint for Forfeiture (Not Involving Drugs or Money Laundering)</i> instruction sheet that comes with this form. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local legal self-help center at: https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/getting-back-my-forfeited-property . |