

Getting Started

Answer to Petition for Leave to Appeal

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 Petition for Leave to Appeal* form. Your use of the 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 FILE AN ANSWER TO PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

Name of form:	<i>Answer to Petition for Leave to Appeal</i>
Purpose of the form:	To tell the Illinois Supreme Court why it should deny the <i>Petition for Leave to Appeal</i> . You are not required to file an <i>Answer to Petition for Leave to Appeal</i> .
Types of cases the form CAN be used for:	Civil and criminal cases after the appellate court has made a final decision.
Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:	Appeals to any other court and direct appeals to the Illinois Supreme Court from the trial court.
Cost to file the form:	You must pay a \$30 appearance fee to the Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court when filing an <i>Answer to Petition for Leave to Appeal</i> , unless you file an <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees</i> and the court approves your <i>Application</i> , which you can find at: ilcourts.info/forms .
Special information or papers needed to complete the form:	If you file an <i>Answer to Petition for Leave to Appeal</i> , you will need to refer to the appellate court decision and the record on appeal from the appellate court. The appellate court decision and the record on appeal do not need to be filed with your <i>Answer to Petition for Leave to Appeal</i> . You will also need to cite legal authority (cases, statutes, laws, etc.) to support your arguments.
Statutes and rules covering the form:	Illinois Supreme Court Rules 315 , 317 , 341 , 342 , 612 , 660 , and 660A .
Where to find the form and instruction sheet:	ilcourts.info/forms and click on the "Supreme Court Forms" tab.
Where to get access to a computer and scanner to file and serve:	The Supreme Court Clerk's office will have a computer and scanner where you can scan, save, and then use the computer to e-file and serve your document. Your trial court clerk's office, appellate court clerk's office, or library may also have a computer and scanner you can use. For a list of legal self-help centers: ilao.info/lshc-directory .
For more information:	Read the <i>HOW TO PREPARE AND FILE AN ANSWER TO PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL</i> instructions that come with this form. You may also contact the Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court's office at: ilcourts.info/SupremeClerks .