

# Getting Started

## Petition for Leave to Appeal (Illinois Supreme Court)

**IMPORTANT:** This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use the *Petition for Leave to Appeal* forms. Your use of the forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *HOW TO PREPARE AND FILE A PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL WITH THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

<b>Name of form:</b>	<i>Petition for Leave to Appeal</i>
<b>Purpose of the form:</b>	To ask the Illinois Supreme Court to change a decision by the appellate court.
<b>Types of cases the form CAN be used for:</b>	Civil and criminal cases after the appellate court has made a final decision.
<b>Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:</b>	Appeals to any other court, direct appeals to the Illinois Supreme Court from the trial court, and when the appellate court has issued a Certificate of Importance.
<b>Cost to file the form:</b>	You must pay a \$50 filing fee to the Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court when you file a <i>Petition for Leave to Appeal</i> that starts a new case, unless you file an <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees (Supreme Court)</i> and the Court approves your <i>Application</i> , which you can find at: <a href="http://ilcourts.info/forms">ilcourts.info/forms</a> .
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the form:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ You need to know the date of the appellate court's final order or decision, including the dates any request for rehearing or publication were decided.</li><li>○ You need to refer to the record on appeal and make a short argument with citations to legal authorities (cases, statutes, laws, etc.) to support your argument.</li><li>○ You must attach a copy of the appellate court's final order or decision to the appendix of your <i>Petition for Leave to Appeal</i>.</li></ul>
<b>Statute and rules covering the form:</b>	Illinois Supreme Court Rules <a href="#">315</a> , <a href="#">317</a> , <a href="#">341</a> , <a href="#">342</a> , <a href="#">612</a> , <a href="#">660</a> , and <a href="#">660A</a> .
<b>Where to find the form and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://ilcourts.info/forms">ilcourts.info/forms</a> and click on the "Supreme Court Forms" tab.
<b>Where to get access to a computer and scanner to file and serve:</b>	The Illinois 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. A list of legal self-help centers is at: <a href="http://ilao.info/lshc-directory">ilao.info/lshc-directory</a> .
<b>For more information:</b>	Read the <i>HOW TO PREPARE AND FILE A 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: <a href="http://ilcourts.info/supreme-clerk">ilcourts.info/supreme-clerk</a> .