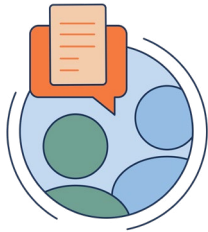


# Your Rights When Accessing Illinois Courts

**No matter your immigration status, you have the right to:**



## Interpreters and language access services

- ▶ Illinois courts are responsible for providing free interpreters for people who use a language other than English.
- ▶ Let court staff know the language you speak (or sign) and the date, time, and location of your court date. You can request an interpreter with the form available at: [ilcourts.info/language-access](https://ilcourts.info/language-access)



## Get forms in languages other than English

- ▶ Statewide court forms are available at [ilcourts.info/forms](https://ilcourts.info/forms), and several are available in Spanish, Polish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Korean. You must submit them to the court in English.
- ▶ Circuit clerks can provide copies of forms and explain them, but they cannot give legal advice.



## Ask the court to waive your fees

- ▶ A fee waiver is a court order that waives (or removes) fees for a case. A judge will approve a fee waiver application based on your financial situation, NOT your immigration status.
- ▶ The civil fee waiver form is available at [ilcourts.info/fee-waiver-forms](https://ilcourts.info/fee-waiver-forms) in English, Spanish, Polish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Korean. The criminal fee waiver is available in English at [ilcourts.info/crim-fee-waiver](https://ilcourts.info/crim-fee-waiver).



## Request to attend court remotely (by video or phone)

- ▶ Anyone involved in a court case can request to attend court remotely, regardless of immigration status.
- ▶ More information about remote court appearances can be found at [ilcourts.info/remote-resources](https://ilcourts.info/remote-resources). Contact your local circuit clerk at [ilcourts.info/clerks](https://ilcourts.info/clerks) to learn how to request a remote appearance, or ask for one at your first court date.



## Start or respond to an Illinois court case

- ▶ You do not need to share your immigration status to start a case (ex: petition for an order of protection) or to respond to a case (ex: defend against an eviction).



## Call **Illinois Court Help** for legal information and help with forms

- ▶ Illinois Court Help shares information you need to go to court. It's a free service and does not collect immigration information.
- ▶ Call or text (833) 411-1121 or visit [ilcourthelp.gov](https://ilcourthelp.gov)