## **Getting Started**

## Motion to Continue (Reschedule) or Extend Time

**IMPORTANT**: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use a *Motion to Continue (Reschedule) or Extend Time* form in your case. Your use of these 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 File & Send A Motion To Continue (Reschedule) Or Extend Time & Notice Of Court Date For Motion* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

Names of the forms:	<ul> <li>Motion to Continue (Reschedule) or Extend Time</li> <li>Statement of Missing Evidence or Witness</li> <li>Notice of Court Date for Motion to Continue (Reschedule) or Extend Time</li> <li>Order Granting or Denying Motion to Continue (Reschedule) or Extend Time</li> </ul>
Purpose of the forms:	Use these forms to explain why you need to continue (reschedule) a court date or why you need more time to do something (like file an <i>Answer</i> or respond to a <i>Motion</i> another party has filed).
Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:	All civil cases. For example, divorce cases, family cases, eviction cases, small claims cases, lawsuits for injury or property damage, and contract disputes.
Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:	All criminal, traffic, and juvenile justice cases.
Cost to file these forms:	None.
Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:	<ul> <li>If you are asking the court to continue (reschedule) a court date that has already been scheduled, you will need to know the date and time of that court date.</li> <li>You may also need a Notice of Court Date for Motion form, but some courts do not require it.</li> <li>You may also need a Proof of Delivery for the Order.</li> <li>See How to File &amp; Send a Motion to Continue (Reschedule) or Extend Time &amp; Notice of Court Date for Motion.</li> </ul>
Statutes covering the forms:	Illinois Supreme Court Rules 183, 231
Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:	ilcourts.info/forms
For more information:	Read the How To File & Send A Motion To Continue (Reschedule) Or Extend Time & Notice Of Court Date For Motion instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county self-help center at: <a href="mailto:illinoislegalaid.org">illinoislegalaid.org</a> .

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