

To figure out what Case Category to select, you need to know what kind of Case Type you have. Case Categories are the official legal terms used by the court and may not be easy to understand or guess which types of cases would be in which Category. The Case Type is the actual topic you want to address with the court.



Here are commonly used Case Types and which Category they are in ***for all Counties but Cook*** (for information on Cook County, look at chart below):

| <u>Case Category</u>  | <u>Common Case Types</u>  |
|---|---|
| <b>Chancery</b><br><i>(Complaints for equitable relief (not money))</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific Performance (order someone to do something)</li> <li>• Injunction or restraining order (order someone to stop doing something)</li> <li>• Detinue (to get property back that someone took and won't return)</li> <li>• Mechanics Lien (put lien on someone's property if they failed to pay for your services to improve the property)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Criminal Felony or Criminal Misdemeanor</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expungement/Sealing Petitions</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Dissolution (Divorce) with Children</b>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invalidity/annulment</li> <li>• Dissolution (Divorce)</li> <li>• Legal Separation</li> <li>• Dissolution of civil union</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Dissolution (Divorce) without Children</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invalidity/annulment</li> <li>• Dissolution (Divorce)</li> <li>• Legal Separation</li> <li>• Dissolution of civil union</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Eviction</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial</li> <li>• Residential</li> <li>• Ejectment</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Family</b><br><i>(for unmarried parents)</i>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parentage (paternity)</li> <li>• Petition for Custody</li> <li>• Petition for parental responsibility (child support)</li> <li>• Petition for parental responsibility (visitation)</li> <li>• Petition for support</li> <li>• Petition for visitation</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Foreclosure</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential</li> <li>• Commercial</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Guardianship</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardianship of a minor</li> <li>• Guardianship of an adult person with a disability</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Law Magistrate</b><br><i>(money claims over \$10,000 up to \$50,000)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replevin (to get payment for property that someone took and won't return)</li> <li>• Tort (to get payment for injuries/harm)</li> <li>• Breach of Contract (to get payment when someone didn't do what was agreed to)</li> <li>• Distress for Rent (when eviction proceedings not included)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Law</b><br><i>(money claims over \$50,000)</i>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replevin (to get payment for property that someone took and won't return)</li> <li>• Tort (to get payment for injuries/harm)</li> <li>• Breach of Contract (to get payment when someone didn't do what was agreed)</li> <li>• Distress for Rent (when eviction proceedings not included)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Miscellaneous Criminal</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expungement/Sealing Petition when no criminal case number was assigned (arrest without charging)</li> <li>• Habeas Corpus</li> <li>• Civil Asset Forfeiture/Forfeiture of Seized Property</li> </ul>   |

Here are more commonly used Case Types and which Category they are in **for all Counties but Cook** (for information on Cook County, look at chart below):

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| <p><b>Miscellaneous Remedy</b></p>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Review (for example, unemployment benefits)</li> <li>• Certiorari (for example, administrative review of housing authority decisions)</li> <li>• Declaratory Judgment (to order someone to do or stop doing something)</li> <li>• Review of Administrative Proceedings (not tax commission)</li> <li>• Change of Name</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Order of Protection</b></p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Order of Protection</li> <li>• Civil No Contact Order</li> <li>• Stalking No Contact Order</li> <li>• Firearm Restraining Order</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Probate</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration of Decedent's Estate</li> <li>• Missing Person</li> <li>• Wrongful Death/Collection of Judgment</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Small Claims</b><br/><i>(money claims under \$10,000)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tort (to get payment for injuries/harm)</li> <li>• Breach of Contract (to get payment when someone didn't do what was agreed)</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Tax</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for Tax Deed</li> <li>• Review of Decision of Tax Commission</li> <li>• Sale in Error</li> <li>• Tax Refund/Objection</li> </ul>   |

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Here are commonly used Case Types and which Category and Location Division they are in for **Cook County ONLY**:

| Location Division  | Case Categories                    | Common Case Types   |
|--|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Chancery</b>  |                                    |   |
|  | General Chancery                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Review</li> <li>• Arbitration</li> <li>• Certiorari (for example, administrative review of housing authority decisions)</li> <li>• Declaratory Judgment (to order someone to do or stop doing something)</li> </ul>               |
|  | Mechanics Lien                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanics Lien (put lien on someone's property if they failed to pay for your services to improve the property)</li> </ul>   |
|  | Mortgage Foreclosure               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial, Residential, Condominium</li> </ul>  |
| <b>County</b>  |                                    |   |
|  | Adoption                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption</li> </ul>  |
|  | Miscellaneous                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emancipation of Minor</li> <li>• Name Change</li> </ul>  |
|  | Miscellaneous Remedy               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Asset Forfeiture</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Criminal</b>  |                                    |   |
|  |                                    | Expungement/Sealing Petitions   |
| <b>Domestic Relations</b>  |                                    |   |
|  | General Proceedings                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for Dissolution (Divorce), Petition for Legal Separation</li> <li>• Petition for Allocation of Parental Responsibilities</li> </ul>   |
|  | Parentage/Child Support            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition to Establish Parentage</li> </ul>   |
|  | Domestic Violence-Civil Protection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for Civil No Contact Order</li> <li>• Petition for Firearms Restraining Order</li> <li>• Petition for Independent Order of Protection</li> <li>• Petition for Stalking No Contact Order</li> </ul>                                      |
| <b>Law (money claims over \$30,000 in Chicago or over \$100,000 in suburban districts)</b>               |                                    |   |
|  | Other Actions                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Libel/Slander</li> <li>• Property Damage</li> </ul>  |
|  | Personal Injury/Wrongful Death     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Malpractice</li> <li>• Motor Vehicle</li> <li>• Tort (to get payment for injuries/harm)</li> </ul>   |
|  | Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detinue (order someone to return property)</li> <li>• Replevin (order someone to pay for property they took and won't return)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Municipal Civil (money claims under \$30,000 in Chicago or under \$100,000 in suburban districts)</b> |                                    |   |
|  | Civil                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Review for Ordinance Violation or Parking Tickets</li> <li>• Breach of Contract (order someone to pay when they didn't do what was agreed to)</li> <li>• Consumer Debt</li> <li>• Eviction (residential or commercial)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Probate</b>   |                                    |   |
|  | Deceased                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Will</li> <li>• Without Will</li> </ul>   |
|  | Disabled                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardianship</li> </ul>  |
|  | Elder Law                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power of Attorney</li> </ul>   |
|  | Minor                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardianship</li> </ul>  |