

# Getting Started

## Identity Theft Affidavit (Credit Card or Debt Buyer Collection Action)

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**IMPORTANT:** This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to do an *Identity Theft Affidavit (Credit Card or Debt Buyer Collection Action)* in order to tell the court and the other party that you are not responsible for the debt that is the subject of the lawsuit. 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 File an Identity Theft Affidavit (Credit Card or Debt Buyer Collection Action)* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

<b>Name of form:</b>	<i>Identity Theft Affidavit (Credit Card or Debt Buyer Collection Action)</i>
<b>Purpose of the form:</b>	To tell the court and the other party that debt you are being sued about is not your debt.
<b>Types of cases the form CAN be used for:</b>	Cases where the other party is either a credit card company or a debt buyer. This means that the other party purchased the debt from another company or person.
<b>Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:</b>	Any other types of cases.
<b>Cost to file the form:</b>	None.
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the form:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Illinois Attorney General Identity Theft Affidavit</i> available here: <a href="http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Page-Attachments/ID_Theft_Affidavit_Instructions_and_Form.pdf">illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Page-Attachments/ID_Theft_Affidavit_Instructions_and_Form.pdf</a></li><li>• A copy of the police report relating to the identity theft, if applicable.</li></ul>
<b>Supreme Court Rules covering the form:</b>	Illinois Supreme Court Rule <a href="#">280</a>
<b>Where to find the form and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://ilcourts.info/forms">ilcourts.info/forms</a>
<b>For more information:</b>	Read the <i>How to File an Identity Theft Affidavit (Credit Card or Debt Buyer Action)</i> instruction sheet that comes with this form. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county self help center at: <a href="http://illinoislegalaid.org">illinoislegalaid.org</a> .