

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

AN INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Honorable Timothy C. Evans Chief Judge

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE



The Circuit Court of Cook County stands as one of the largest unified court systems in the world. More than 400 judges working within the court's 14 divisions and districts serve the 5.1 million residents of Cook County. To provide the citizens of Cook County with a general understanding of how their judicial system operates, the court has assembled this booklet, An Informational Guide. I hope you will take a few moments to review its contents. The Guide contains broad descriptions of the circuit court's organization, functions and operations as well as a directory of circuit court facilities and government offices. I am pleased to note additional information about the circuit court can also be found on the court's web site, www.cookcountycourt.org.

As Chief Judge, I am immensely proud of our court system. The collective efforts of our judges and employees have made the Circuit Court of Cook County a national model of efficiency, innovation and public service. We are committed to always remaining responsive to the needs of those we serve.

Timothy C. Evans Chief Judge



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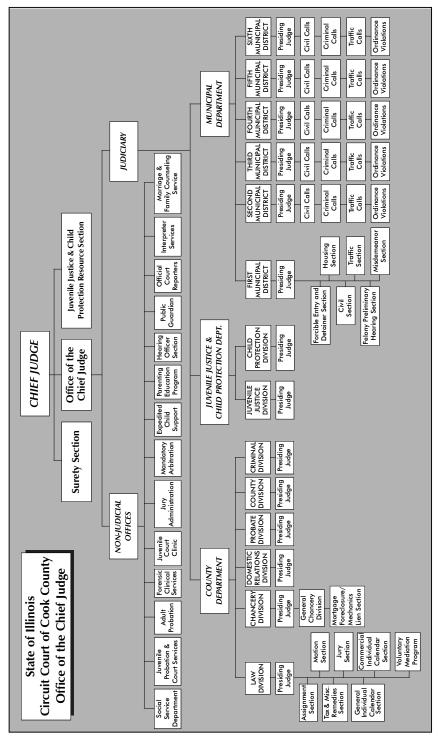


The State of Illinois is divided into 22 judicial circuits. Each circuit is a unified court system in which all trial courts are consolidated under a chief judge. The chief judge has centralized administrative authority to coordinate and supervise the functions of the court.

The Circuit Court of Cook County is not only the largest of the 22 circuits in Illinois, it is also one of the largest unified court systems in the world. It was created by a 1964 amendment to the Illinois Constitution which reorganized the courts of our state. The amendment effectively merged the often confusing and overlapping jurisdictions of Cook County's 161 courts into one uniform and cohesive court of general jurisdiction.

Today, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans and more than 400 judges serve the 5.1 million residents of Cook County within the City of Chicago and its 126 surrounding suburbs.

More than 2.4 million cases are filed every year. To accommodate its vast caseload, the Circuit Court of Cook County is organized into three functional departments: County, Municipal and Juvenile Justice and Child Protection.



COUNTY DEPARTMENT

The COUNTY DEPARTMENT is divided into the

following six divisions. Each division is headed by a presiding judge. The types of cases heard in each division depend on the nature of the controversy.

The **Chancery Division** hears matters concerning:

- injunctions
- class actions
- mortgage foreclosures
- name changes
- declaratory judgments
- contract matters
- creditors' rights
- liens
- construction of wills & trusts

- trusteeships
- receiverships
- dissolutions of partnerships & corporations
- statutory & administrative reviews
- vehicle impoundment

The **County Division** hears matters concerning:

- adoption
- marriage of minors
- annexation & deannexation of land to a tax body
- elections
- inheritance taxes
- mental health proceedings
- real estate taxes
- municipal organizations

The **Criminal Division** hears cases in which the state alleges the commission of a serious criminal act such as:

- armed robbery
- assault
- burglary

- criminal sexual assault
- murder

The **Domestic Relations Division** hears matters concerning:

- dissolution of marriage (formerly divorce)
- legal separation
- invalidity of marriage
- civil orders of protection
- child support
- child custody & visitation

- parentage
- enforcement & modification of previously entered judgments in these matters

The **Law Division** hears civil suits for recovery of monetary damages in excess of \$30,000 in the City of Chicago, and in excess of \$100,000 in the suburban districts, as well as many types of administrative reviews. Cases heard include:

- personal injury/ wrongful death
- motor vehicle injury
- medical malpractice
- legal malpractice
- product liability
- intentional tort
- construction injuries

- · commercial litigation
- fraud
- breach of contract
- breach of warranty
- employment security
- property damage
- premises liability
- miscellaneous remedies

The **Probate Division** hears matters concerning wills and administration of estates. Cases heard include:

- probate & contest of wills & testamentary instruments
- claims against an estate arising in contract, tort or otherwise
- administration of estates of decedents, disabled persons, minors & wards

- contracts to make a will
- construction of wills
- actions arising under the Illinois Power of Attorney Act

The MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT is divided into six geographic districts. Each district is supervised by a presiding judge.

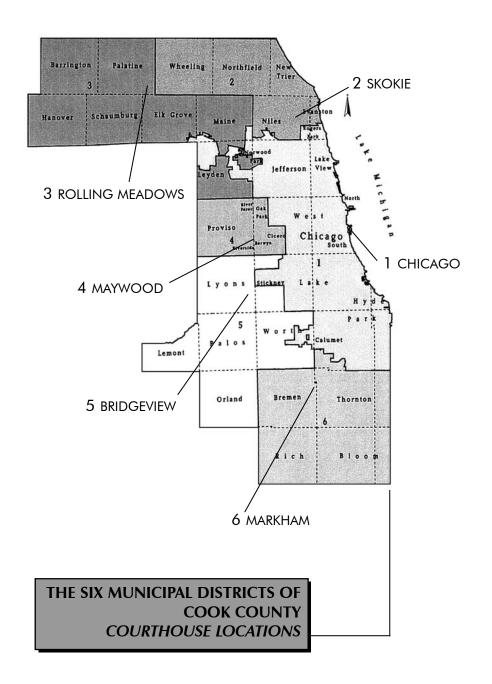
The First Municipal District encompasses the City of Chicago. Municipal Districts Two through Six encompass the communities in suburban Cook County.

The **Municipal Districts** hear cases involving:*

- domestic violence
- housing
- eviction proceedings
- small claims
- licenses
- misdemeanor criminal proceedings (including drug treatment court in the Fourth Municipal District and the Sixth Municipal District only)
- felony preliminary hearings
- ordinance & traffic enforcement
- contract cases decided by alternative dispute resolution process

- civil suits for damages up to \$30,000 in the First Municipal District & up to \$100,000 in Districts Two through Six
- mandatory arbitration (less formal proceeding with three-member panel deciding case) in suits with damages of \$30,000 or less
- name changes
- marriage court

*The following types of cases are also heard in the municipal district courthouses: felony criminal cases; domestic relations cases; and law division tort cases seeking damages in excess of \$100,000.



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Cities, Villages, Towns & Townships **MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS 1-6**

The City of Chicago

Deerfield* K
Des Plaines L
Evanston M
Glencoe N

Kenilworth Lincolnwood Morton Grove Niles Park Ridge Skokie Wilmette Winnetka

Glenview Northbrook
Golf Northfield

The Townships of Evanston, Maine, excluding that part of the Township of Maine within the territorial limits of the municipality of Rosemont, New Trier, Niles, Northfield, excluding that part of the Township of Northfield within the territorial limits of the municipality of Prospect Heights, and that part of the Township of Wheeling within the territorial limits of the municipality of Des Plaines

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Arlington Heights
Barrington*
Barrington Hills*
Bartlett*
Bensenville*
Buffalo Grove*
East Dundee*
Elgin*
Elk Grove Village*

Hanover Park* Harwood Heights Hoffman Estates* Inverness Mount Prospect Norridge Palatine Prospect Heights

Rollina Meadows

Roselle*
Rosemont
Schaumburg*
Schiller Park
South Barrington
Streamwood
Wheeling

The Townships of Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine and Schaumburg, that part of the Township of Leyden within the territorial limits of the municipalities of Rosemont and Schiller Park, that part of the Township of Maine within the territorial limits of the municipality of Rosemont, that part of the Township of Northfield within the territorial limits of the municipality of Prospect Heights, Wheeling, excluding that part of the Township of Wheeling within the territorial limits of the municipality of Des Plaines, Norwood Park, excluding that part of the Township of Norwood Park within the territorial limits of the City of Chicago

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Bellwood Berkeley Berwyn Broadview Brookfield Cicero Elmwood Park

Forest Park
Franklin Park
Hillside
Carange Park
Maywood
Melrose Park
North Riverside
River Forest
River Grove
Riverside
Stone Park
Northlake
Westchester

The Townships of Berwyn, Cicero, Leyden, excluding that part lying within the territorial limits of the municipalities of Rosemont and Schiller Park, Oak Park, Proviso, River Forest, and Riverside

3 4 Chicago 5 6 tich Hinsdale* Orland Hills Alsip Bedford Park **Hodgkins** Orland Park Bridgeview Hometown Palos Heights Indian Head Park Burbank Palos Hills Justice Palos Park Burr Ridae* Crestwood La Grange Stickney Chicago Ridge Lemont Summit Countryside Lyons Tinley Park Evergreen Park McCook Western Springs Forest View Merrionette Park Willow Springs Worth Oak Lawn Hickory Hills

The Townships of Lemont, Lyons, Orland, Palos, Stickney, and Worth

Blue Island Glenwood **Phoenix** Burnham Harvey Posen Richton Park Calumet City Hazel Crest Riverdale Calumet Park Homewood **Robbins** Chicago Heights Lansing Sauk Village Country Club Hills Lynwood Crete* Markham South Chicago Heights Matteson South Holland Dixmoor Dolton Midlothian Steger East Hazel Crest Oak Forest Thornton Flossmoor Olympia Fields Park Forest Ford Heights

The Townships of Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, and Thorton

The JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT is the Circuit Court of Cook County's newest department. Prior to its creation as a full-

Circuit Court of Cook County's newest department. Prior to its creation as a full-status department by then Chief Judge Donald P. O'Connell in January 1995, the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department was originally known as the Juvenile Justice Division and functioned as a part of the County Department. The establishment of the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department marked the first restructuring of the Circuit Court of Cook County in its thirty-year history.

The department is divided into two divisions: Juvenile Justice and Child Protection. Each division is headed by a presiding judge.

JUVENILE JUSTICE & CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

The **Juvenile Justice Division** hears cases involving delinquent minors under 17 years of age. The Juvenile Justice Division also orders programs and services to rehabilitate these minors and monitors their progress through probation officers. Cases heard include:

- minors addicted to alcohol or drugs
- minors requiring authoritative intervention (runaways or those beyond the control of a parent, guardian or custodian)

The **Child Protection Division** hears cases involving:

- child abuse
- child neglect
- child dependency
- private guardianship
- termination of parental rights

The **Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Resource Section** serves as liaison to the academic, business and religious communities to identify and develop services and resources that will augment programs vital to juvenile justice. The section is supervised by an administrative presiding judge and is located in the Richard J. Daley Center.

NON-JUDICIAL OFFICES

The Circuit Court's fourteen non-judicial offices provide a number of important court-related services. Information for contacting each office is provided in the directory.

Adult Probation Department

The Adult Probation Department supervises adults sentenced to probation who have been convicted of felonies, including drug-related offenses, domestic battery, criminal sexual assault, retail theft and criminal damage to property, as well as some misdemeanor offenses. The average length of a probation sentence is 18 months. Basic conditions of probation include reporting to a probation officer, refraining from further criminal activity and not leaving the state without permission from the court. A probationer may also be required to participate in counseling, drug treatment or other specialized programs. The department also administers pretrial services which provide supervision of accused persons released on bond and awaiting trial, as well as victim assistance, intensive probation supervision, home confinement, sex offender supervision and in the future, electronic monitoring.

Expedited Child Support Center

The Expedited Child Support Center administers the Expedited Hearing Process. The goal of the hearing process is to ensure all children receive prompt and regular child support payments. Specially trained hearing officers make recommendations to judges on establishing, enforcing or modifying child support orders and also make recommendations on parentage and medical support orders. The Expedited Child Support Center works in coordination with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Forensic Clinical Services

Forensic Clinical Services provides comprehensive and diagnostic clinical services to the court and related agencies under the court's jurisdiction. The agency employs psychiatric, psychological and social service methods in the delivery of clinical services and submits clinical opinions and recommendations to the court. Forensic Clinical Services also provides expert witness testimony where mandated.

Hearing Officer Section

The Hearing Officer Section is comprised of attorneys appointed by the Chief Judge to conduct court hearings in the Child Protection Division. These hearings ensure that children who are in foster care find permanent homes. The officers listen to evidence to determine if progress has been made in achieving a permanency goal, which may include return to the home, adoption, private guardianship, preparation for independent living or residential care. The hearing officer then submits a recommended order to the judge.

Office of Interpreter Services

The Circuit Court provides persons having limited English proficiency or speech or hearing impairments with court interpreters to help facilitate court proceedings. Interpreters help ensure that all persons enjoy equal access to justice and that court proceedings function efficiently and effectively. The most common languages interpreted are Spanish, Polish, Korean, Arabic and Russian. Sign language interpreters are also requested frequently.

Office of Jury Administration

The Office of Jury Administration is responsible for providing the pool of qualified jurors for the Circuit Court. It accomplishes this goal by mailing out jury summonses to prospective jurors. The Circuit Court does recognize, however, that jurors may be summoned at times which may not be convenient. To address problems based on hardship, the Circuit Court makes every effort to honor requests to be rescheduled to another date or to be transferred to another courthouse. Prospective jurors should make such requests in writing and submit them to the Office of Jury Administration for review. Additionally, the Circuit Court gives prospective jurors age 70 or older the option of not participating in jury service under the court's Opt-Out Program. Those wishing to opt-out must call jury administration at 312.603.JURY before their scheduled date of service. Opting-out does not permanently remove the juror's name from the juror list. The juror may be summoned again at a later date, at which time he or she may choose to serve or may opt-out again. Under the Opt-Out Program, prospective jurors age 70 or older can opt-out without limitation. In addition to scheduling juror service, the Office of Jury Administration acquaints prospective jurors with their responsibilities through the use of a juror orientation video.

Juvenile Court Clinic

The Juvenile Court Clinic is responsible for providing a variety of services to judges and court personnel regarding clinical information in juvenile court proceedings. These services include consultation regarding requests for clinical information, forensic clinical assessments in response to court ordered requests, information regarding community based mental health resources, and education programs on issues relating to mental health information and court proceedings. Juvenile Court Clinic staff comprise lawyers and mental health professionals who use a multi-disciplinary approach to provide high quality mental health assessments that are relevant, timely, culturally sensitive, and in a form that bridges the legal and mental health fields. Forensic clinical assessments can only be initiated by court order. Forensic clinical information is defined as mental health information that is to be used for a legal decision. After a family has been ordered to undergo a clinical evaluation, a clinical coordinator facilitates the process, which includes evaluating the information request, documenting the request, and arranging an intake interview. The assessment is written by a clinician, who is usually a psychologist or psychiatrist, and is delivered to court before the family's next court date. The information contained in the assessment is used by judges, lawyers, and probation officers to help them make informed decisions that promote better outcomes for minors and their families.

Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department

The Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department provides a myriad of supervision and intervention programs for minors under the age of 17 who have been found delinquent by the court. In each case where a child is found delinquent, the court carefully considers how it can best meet the needs of the child and at the same time ensure the protection of the public. A judge allows a juvenile to remain at home under supervision as long as the special conditions established by the court and the terms set by the probation officer are followed. The primary objectives of the Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department are threefold: 1) to respond with a plan of action that builds the competence of the minor 2) to redirect negative behavior while promoting accountability 3) to restore the victim and the community.

Marriage and Family Counseling Service

A part of the Domestic Relations Division, the Marriage and Family Counseling Service mediates custody and visitation disputes. The counseling service operates under court order and offers emergency intervention and referral services when necessary. Through its Family in Focus program, the service assists with court facilitation of custody

disputes and provides supervised visitation for parents who meet the program's qualifications. The services are provided free of charge.

Mandatory Arbitration

The Mandatory Arbitration program is an alternative dispute resolution process for civil suits seeking money damages of \$30,000 or less. The process is less formal and less time consuming than a jury trial and is conducted by a three-member panel of arbitrators. The arbitrators are licensed attorneys who have at least three years of experience and are certified by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts as having successfully completed a course in dispute resolution.

Parenting Education Program

The Parenting Education Program, known as Focus on Children, provides half-day parenting education class sessions. The classes address parenting in divorce situations, post-decree situations and never-been-married situations where the parents do not live together. The classes are initiated by court order. A fee is charged for attending the class, however, it may be reduced or waived by the judge.

Office of the Public Guardian

The Office of the Public Guardian represents minors in juvenile court cases involving abuse, dependency and neglect, as well as in contested child custody cases heard in the Domestic Relations Division. The Office of the Public Guardian also acts as guardian of disabled adult wards of the court. The Chief Judge of the Circuit Court is responsible for appointing the Cook County Public Guardian.

Office of Official Court Reporters

The Office of Official Court Reporters employs court reporters who are licensed by the State of Illinois. An official court reporter uses a stenographic machine to record verbatim each and every word spoken in a court proceeding.

Social Service Department

The Social Service Department provides casework services to primarily misdemeanor offenders. Some misdemeanor offenses include theft, indecent exposure, unlawful use of a weapon, assault and battery. The department develops and implements an individualized supervision plan for each offender and monitors the offender while he or she remains under the court's supervision. Some of the services include the Domestic Violence Program and the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Intervention Program.

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THE TRIAL PROCESS

When attending a criminal or civil trial, who or what can you expect to see?

The Participants

Judge: acts as a legal referee to ensure that proper trial procedure is followed and issues rulings on points of law. In a bench trial, the judge gives the verdict in place of a jury.

Jury: present if demanded in a civil case and present in a criminal case unless waived by the defendant. Their names are chosen at random from the lists of registered voters and licensed drivers in Cook County.

Once a juror appears for jury duty, the juror is assigned a panel number. Panels are divided randomly into groups of 6 or 18. The juror then takes part in an orientation program explaining the trial process which includes watching an orientation videotape.

When a trial is ready to begin, the judge sends the deputy sheriff to the jury room to request potential jurors. The judge generally requests a group of 6, 12, 18 or 36 jurors. Jurors, chosen by panel number, are sent to the courtroom to be questioned by the judge and the attorneys to determine the juror's ability to keep an open mind and be fair. Eventually a jury panel of 12 is selected. In some instances, two alternate jurors are also chosen. They are present throughout the trial but do not deliberate unless taking the place of an absent jury member. Any jurors not selected to sit on the courtroom panel return to the jury room and may be sent to a new courtroom to be questioned for another trial.

The Circuit Court operates on a one day or one trial system. This means that if a juror is not selected to serve on a jury by the end of the day, the juror is not required to return the next day. Jury service is considered fulfilled and the juror will not be called for at least another year. However, jurors chosen to sit on a panel in a particular courtroom for a particular trial are required to serve for the duration of that trial.

While the trial judge determines the evidence and instructs the jury as to the law, the jurors are responsible for deciding the facts, following the law and rendering a final decision.

Plaintiff: in a civil case, the person who files the complaint.

Defendant: person against whom a civil or criminal complaint is filed.

Prosecutor: in a criminal case, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office acts as the legal representative of the people of the State of Illinois in prosecuting the accused defendant. Certain cases may be prosecuted by municipal prosecutors.

Witness: gives testimony during the trial relating to the case.

Court Reporter: records every word spoken during the trial on a stenograph machine or a recording device.

Deputy Sheriff: keeps order in the court, guards defendants in criminal cases and maintains custody of the jury.

Clerk: swears in witnesses and maintains court orders and exhibits in a trial.

Trial Proceedings

Most trials have five stages:

Stage 1

Jury Selection

The judge and attorneys question the jurors sent to the courtroom until a panel of twelve is agreed upon by all sides. The questioning is designed to excuse jurors who might have difficulty in rendering a fair and impartial verdict in that particular case.

Stage 2

Opening Statements

These are brief statements made by the attorneys to the jury in which the attorneys outline the facts as they see them and what they hope to prove. The attorneys are not considered witnesses and their statements are not evidence. The plaintiff's attorney in a civil case or the prosecutor in a criminal case gives the first statement and the defense attorney follows.

Stage 3

Presentation of Evidence

Witnesses for the plaintiff in a civil case or for the prosecution in a criminal case testify first, witnesses for the defense testify next and any rebuttal witnesses testify last. Each witness is sworn to tell the truth. The attorney who calls the witness asks questions in direct examination. The attorney for the opposing side then questions the witness in cross-examination. The purpose of this questioning is to elicit evidence. Exhibits and physical objects such as photographs and x-rays may also be presented at this time as evidence.

Stage 4

Closing Arguments

This is the final opportunity for the attorneys to address the jury. The plaintiff's attorney in a civil case or the prosecutor in a criminal case proceeds first. The attorney analyzes the evidence and attempts to convince the jury to decide in favor of his or her side of the case. The defense attorney follows with his or her argument, attempting to do the same. Finally, the plaintiff's attorney or prosecutor has the opportunity to present a rebuttal to the defense attorney's argument.

Stage 5

Jury Deliberations

The judge instructs the jury on the law they must apply in the particular case. Jurors then retire from the courtroom to deliberate in secret. When the jurors reach a verdict, the jury foreman who is elected by fellow jurors informs the deputy sheriff that a decision has been reached. The jury returns to the courtroom and the verdict is read aloud to the parties.

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Presiding Judge 2600 S. California Ave., Rm. 101 Chicago, IL 60608 773.869.3160 773.869.7798 TDD

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Presiding Judge 2005 Richard J. Daley Center Chicago, IL 60602 312.603.6343 312.603.6673 TDD

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Domestic Relations Division Honorable Moshe Jacobius

Presiding Judge 1901 Richard J. Daley Center Chicago, IL 60602 312.603.6556 312.603.6673 TDD

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Presiding Judge 1803 Richard J. Daley Center Chicago, IL 60602 312.603.7545 312.603.6673 TDD

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Traffic Center - First District Honorable Walter Williams

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Second Municipal District Honorable Shelley Sutker-Dermer

Presiding Judge 5600 Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077 847.470.7200 847.470.7503 TDD

Third Municipal District Honorable Joseph J. Urso

Presiding Judge 2121 Euclid Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847.818.2287 847.818.2075 TDD

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Fifth Municipal District Honorable Thomas F. Carmody, Jr.

Presiding Judge 10220 S. 76th Avenue Bridgeview, IL 60455 708.974.6288 708.974.6546 TDD

Sixth Municipal District Honorable Ronald C. Riley

Presiding Judge 16501 South Kedzie Parkway Markham, IL 60428 708.210.4170 708.210.4191 TDD

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La Dependencia de Justicia Juvenil y Protección Infantil

Juvenile Justice Division Honorable Curtis Heaston

Presiding Judge 1100 S. Hamilton Ave., Rm. 8004 Chicago, IL 60612 312.433.4757 312.433.6743 TDD

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Devolución de **Fianzas**

Bond Forfeit Information

Información sobre Confiscación de Fianzas 312.603.6429

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Abuso Infantil

Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline Department of Children & Family Services

Línea de Emergencia para Abuso y Descuido Infantil, Departmento de Servicios Familiares e Infantiles 1.800.252.2873

(24 hours / 7 days a week)

In-Touch Hotline

Línea de Emergencia en Contacto 312.996.5535

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Aplicación de las Ordenes de Manutención de Menores

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Child Support Division

División de Manutención de Menores del Secretario del Tribunal de Circuito del Condado de Cook

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Información General 28 N. Clark St., Rm. 200 Chicago, IL 60602 312.603.2000

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Intake Department

Manutención de Menores y Recepción de Datos 32 W. Randolph St., 8th Floor Chicago, IL 60601 312.793.8392

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Manutención Infantil Expedita 32 W. Randolph St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60601 312.603.1260 312.603.1241 TDD

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY ROOM.

Centro de Apoyo Infantil For children whose parents or guardians are appearing in court

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Servicios Forenses

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Oficiales de Audiencias

Circuit Court of Cook County Hearing Officer Section

Sección de Oficial de Audiencias 2245 W. Ogden, 8th Floor Chicago, IL 60612 312.433.7827

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Hospital

John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County

Hospital John H. Stroger, Jr. del Condado de Cook Main Switchboard

Operadora Principal 1901 W. Harrison St. Chicago, IL 60612 312.864.6000

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Circuit Court of Cook County Office of Interpreter Services

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Cárcel del Condado de Cook **General Information**

Información General 773.890.7100

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Cermak Servicios de Sanidad (Health Clinic for Cook County Jail) 2800 S. California Ave. Chicago, IL 60608

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Circuit Court of Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (formerly Audy Center) General Information

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Cambios de Nombre o Apellido

Circuit Court of Cook County Name Change Information

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Circuit Court of Cook County Focus on Children Parenting Education Program General Information

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General Information

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