Center for Self-Representation Staff

**CAN:**

- Refer you to Center resources and other sources of information.
- Direct you to available forms, examples, and other court related information.
- Assist you in using public access computers.
- Answer basic procedural questions.

**CANNOT:**

- **Give legal advice.**
- Draft or prepare your legal documents.
- Review documents or forms for accuracy.
- Go to court with you.
- Represent you in any legal matter.

How to Find the Center for Self-Representation

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Center for Self-Representation

Immigration Resources

Services Available

- **Self-Help Website**
- **Public Access to Computers**
- **Legal Research Materials**

Please note staff are not licensed attorneys and cannot give legal advice.

Center for Self-Representation

Located in:
William D. Block Memorial Law Library
Lake County Courthouse
18 North County Street
Waukegan, Illinois 60085
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http://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us
Introduction

This guide provides a broad range of legal research tools and services on United States Immigration law including access to print, electronic and legal aid resources. It is not designed as an all-inclusive guide to Immigration law resources.

This is intended as a starting point for your research. The Center for Self-Representation located in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Law Library has professional staff available to help users find information located in this guide.

Print Resources

The library has several print resources available on Immigration law. The publishers’ description of the materials follows each listing below.

- **Immigration Guide (ICLE)** - Basic understanding of U.S. Immigration law as it applies to entering the U.S. and remaining here in legal status. Provides legal discussion of different visa categories as well as discussion of Immigration options through family or employment sponsorships.

- **Steel on Immigration Law (Thomson Reuters)** - Presents in-depth analyses of the controlling law and required procedures in virtually every kind of case arising under Immigration laws.

- **US Immigration Made Easy (Nolo)** - Legally enter and live in the United States with help from U.S. Immigration Made Easy. Learn how the Immigration system really works and determine if you qualify for green cards, work visas, etc.

- **USA Immigration Guide (Sphinx Publishing)** - Explains the many ways a person can visit and immigrate to the United States and provides the necessary information to choose the best method for your individual situation.

- **Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook (AILA)** - Quick reference sourcebook to federal and administrative cases, regulations and statutes, and INS/DHS, DOS and DOL rulings on significant issues in the field.

- **Department of Justice** - Offers information on various Federal agencies including Immigration Resources which include different types of publications, i.e. Immigration Court Practice Manual and Board of Immigration Appeal Practice Manual.


- **Illinois Attorney General** - Provides a list of Immigrant Assistance Resources, i.e. Immigration Services Providers: Frequently Asked Questions, Avoiding Dishonest Immigrant Services Providers, Immigration Fraud, etc.

  http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/immigrant.html

Electronic Resources

There are also many free electronic resources available online.

- **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services** - Offers information and forms on Green Card and Citizenship services.

  https://www.uscis.gov

- **National Immigrant Justice Center** - Offers the latest Immigration news available throughout the U.S. and offer Immigrant Resources, i.e. Know Your Rights, How to Avoid Immigration Fraud, etc.

  https://www.immigrantjustice.org

- **Immigration Advocates Network Nonprofit Resource Center** - A collaborative network of Immigration advocates which provides a list of organizations in Illinois that assist with Immigration issues.

  http://www.Immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=IL

Legal Aid Resources

There are local and statewide legal aid organizations that provide assistance with Immigration law matters.

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