

**Iris Y. Martinez**

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Cook County



**A Guide**

**To The**

# Juvenile Department

The Juvenile Department is made up of the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Divisions. The Juvenile Justice Division hears cases involving minors under the age of 18. The Child Protection Division hears cases involving child abuse and neglect and termination of parental rights.

### Confidentiality

Juvenile court records are sealed and cannot be disclosed to the general public. The confidentiality of juvenile records is governed by 705 ILCS 405/1-7, 1-8, 5-901, 5-905, and 5-910 of the Juvenile Court Act. The procedure for accessing confidential records is controlled by the Office of the Presiding Judge.

### **Expungements**

**If a juvenile court record is not eligible for automatic expungement under the Juvenile Court Act, a person can petition the court for expungement of juvenile court records. If the court orders the records expunged, the Clerk of the Circuit Court expunges the records and the records are treated as if they never occurred.**

**Juvenile Justice cases are heard in each of the District Courthouses on a weekly basis.**

#### **District 2 - Monday**

**Skokie, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60007 (847) 470-5090**

#### **District 3 - Tuesday**

**Rolling Meadows, 2121 Euclid Ave., Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008 (847) 818-2449**

#### **District 4 - Wednesday**

**Maywood, Heard at Juvenile Courthouse 1100 S. Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois 60612 (708) 865-6040**

#### **District 5 - Thursday**

**Bridgeview, 10220 S. 76th Ave., Bridgeview, Illinois 60455 (708) 974-6501**

#### **District 6**

**Markham, 16501 S. Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois 60426 (708) 232-4485**

**Friday - County-wide Juvenile Status Call via Zoom**

Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

Juvenile Division

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(312) 433-4941

Hearing Impaired:

(312) 433-7807

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Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Excluding Court Holidays



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