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Clerk of the Circuit Court Cook County

All About Law Division

The Law Division hears cases claims in excess of \$30,000 where the events surrounding the lawsuit occurred in the Cook County. Suburban Districts also accept Law Division filings and hear Law Division cases in excess of \$100,000.

Law Division, Room 801
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The 1st District Law Division hears cases involving the following:

Tax & Miscellaneous Remedies

- Confession Of Judgment: A written agreement in which the defendant in a lawsuit admits liability and accepts the amount of agreed-upon damages they must pay to plaintiff (person suing them), and agrees that the statement may be filed as a court judgment against them if they do not pay or perform as agreed.
- Replevin: Statutory relief for property or money before a suit is filed.
- Tax Appeal: Appeals process for tax claims.
- Condemnation: Process for a government agency to take a parcel of land.
- Detinue: Action to recover personal property wrongfully taken by another.
- Unemployment Compensation: Appeals process for unemployment compensation claims.
- Administrative Review Action: Appeals process for workers' compensation claims.
- Petition to Register Foreign Judgment or Transcript: Registration Process for Judgments or Transcripts entered in counties and states other than Illinois so that monies owed may be collected.

Commercial Litigation

- Breach Of Contract: Action filed when parties that have entered into a contract are in conflict.
- Professional Malpractice: Damages arising from the failure of a licensed professional to meet the standards for the profession.
- Fraud: Damages arising from a knowing misrepresentation or concealment/fraudulent act of an individual. Consumer Fraud: Damages arising from a knowing misrepresentation or concealment or fraudulent act of a company.
- Breach Of Warranty: Damages arising from the failure of a party under contract to maintain or repair.
- Statutory Action: Damages arising from a claim based on a statute.
- Retaliatory Discharge: Action filed when an employee charges that they were fired as a punishment for lawful activity.

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Law Case File Content

Case files may contain:

- cause of action (complaint)
- defendant's response
- motions and briefs files
- testimony (occasional)
- verdict (if jury trial)
- the judge's final order

If the case was appealed, a transcript may be present.

Records Maintained

The Law Division maintains the Asbestos Registry. These records are maintained dated from 1871-1964 & 1980-present (Since 1964, Law Division cases are retained for 21 years and then destroyed pursuant to statute with a 3% sample of cases retained for archival/historical purposes.) Furthermore, the Law Division maintains plaintiff and defendant Indexes [1871-1964] for the Circuit Court and Superior Court on microfilm; a microfiche Law Division index [1966-present] as well as docket books and clerk's record books, 1871-present, which are stored off site.

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