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All About Criminal Division

The Criminal Division maintains records for felony trial cases in the City of Chicago. A felony is defined as a criminal offense, regarded as more serious than a misdemeanor, and usually punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term greater than one year.

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Pre-Trial Fairness Act

This law eliminated cash bail for all criminal cases within the state of Illinois, removing Bond Court and creating Initial Appearance Court (IAC) in its place, which falls under the Criminal Division. During IAC, a judge listens to cases presented and will make a ruling to either release or detain a defendant. The Bond Room, located in Division 5 of the jail, is open and in operation for customers to post bail for individuals who have an outstanding warrant prior to 9/18/2023, or a Child Support Body attachment. For more information about IAC, please contact our Customer Service Call Center at (312)603-5030.

When will I get my bond refund?

Bond refund processing begins the day after adjudication of the case and are ultimately sent to the Clerk of the Circuit Court Accounting Department. Normal processing time is approximately two weeks provided there are no bond forfeiture or judgment issues. The Bond Refunds Department processes all bond refunds for cases that have been adjudicated in the Criminal Division located at 26th and California. This Department also handles the deduction of the fines, fees and costs that are ordered by the court prior to the refund.

What services can I receive at the office?

The Criminal Division county can answer inquiries regarding court dates, bond amounts and general case information. Additionally, Clerks can answer questions regarding filings, requests for certified copies, pay fines, fees, and costs, and name searches.

Notice of Appeal

If you would like to appeal a decision made by a judge, you can file a Notice of Appeal, which informs the court and other parties in a case that you are appealing the circuit court's decision.

Notices of Appeal may be filed electronically through eFile Illinois, or conventionally with the Clerk's Office.

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