

REPORT OF THE FORD COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK  
March 2021

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PRESENTED AT THE  
April 19, 2021 MEETING

**CALENDAR:**

April 19, 2021 Zone 2 Zoom Meeting

April 19-23, April 26-30 Jury Trial Calendar...Jury calendar was cancelled. Cases were either resolved or continued to the July 2021 Jury Calendar.

IACO Convention June 21-23, 2021

IACC Convention September 15-17, 2021

**Miscellaneous:**

350 Juror summons, letters, and questionnaires were mailed out March 2 and 3.

108 jurors were called to serve the weeks of April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26. All 108 jurors were called and notified that their jury service was cancelled.

The Governor's Moratorium on evictions was extended to May 1, 2021.

I completed and filed with the state the following reports:

\*CTAA Report: Ford County Criminal Assessments and Civil Reports for 2020

\*Quarterly Statistical report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021 for Ford County sent to AOIC. Copy is attached.

\*Weekly ADR reports, now being requested to run and send twice a week.

\*Two AOIC surveys regarding courtroom management

\*Three criminal record checks for Military recruiters.

\*State Treasurer's transmittal report

\*Arbitration Monthly Report

\*Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services quarterly report

Three appeals have been filed with appellate court since the first of the year and another appeal is due next week.

Illinois Court Help. Launch date is May 17, 2021. Proposed by the Access to Justice Commission, approved by the Supreme Court and developed by the AOIC Access to Justice Division. Supposed to be a resource for pro se litigants to be able to get up to date and accurate information about courts, court processes and procedures for all the courts in the State.

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REPORT A  
 ACTIVITY OF ALL CIVIL CASES

CATEGORY	CODE	BEGINNING PENDING*	NEW FILED	REINSTATED	DISPOSED	ADJUSTMENT	END PENDING
ADOPTION	AD	15	0	0	1	0	14
ARBITRATION	AR	43	3	0	2	0	44
CHANCERY	CH	65	3	0	2	0	66
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE	D	89	17	0	24	0	82
EMINENT DOMAIN	ED	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAMILY	F	84	2	0	1	0	85
LAW>\$50,000 - JURY	L	28	0	0	0	0	28
LAW>\$50,000 - NON-JURY	L	52	2	0	2	0	52
LAW<\$50,000 - JURY	LM	2	0	0	0	0	2
LAW<\$50,000 - NON-JURY	LM	56	5	0	3	0	58
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0
MENTAL HEALTH	MH	1	0	0	0	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS REMEDY	MR	204	18	0	4	0	218
ORDER OF PROTECTION	OP	33	24	0	22	0	35
PROBATE	P	346	8	0	13	0	341
SMALL CLAIM	SC	245	34	0	28	0	251
TAX	TX	31	1	0	0	0	32
<b>TOTAL CIVIL</b>		<b>1294</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1309</b>

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REPORT B  
 ACTIVITY OF ALL CRIMINAL CASES

CATEGORY	CODE	BEGINNING PENDING*	NEW FILED	NO. OF DEFENDANTS NEW FILED	REINSTATED	DISPOSED	ADJUSTMENT	END PENDING
CRIMINAL CONTEMPT	CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRIMINAL FELONY	CF	226	11	0	0	32	0	205
CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR	CM	155	9	0	0	9	0	155
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL</b>		<b>381</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360</b>

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REPORT C  
 ACTIVITY OF ALL JUVENILE CASES

CATEGORY	CODE	BEGINNING PENDING*	NEW FILED	NO. OF DEFENDANTS NEW FILED	REINSTATED	DISPOSED	ADJUSTMENT	END PENDING
JUVENILE	J	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
JUVENILE ABUSE & NEGLECT	JA	40	5	0	0	1	0	44
JUVENILE DELINQUENT	JD	70	1	0	0	2	0	69
TOTAL JUVENILE		112	6	0	0	3	0	115

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REPORT D  
 ACTIVITY OF ALL CIVIL LAW/CONSERVATION/DUI/ORDINANCE/TRAFFIC CASES

CATEGORY	CODE	BEGINNING PENDING*	NEW FILED	REINSTATED	DISPOSED	ADJUST-MENT	END PENDING
CIVIL LAW VIOLATION	CL	26	0	0	4	0	22
CONSERVATION VIOLATION	CV	11	0	0	1	0	10
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	DT	81	7	0	5	0	83
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	OV	49	6	0	2	0	53
TRAFFIC VIOLATION	TR	656	128	0	108	0	676
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>823</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>844</b>

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GUILTY PLEAS RECEIVED BY THE CIRCUIT CLERK PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULES 529, 530 & 531							
CATEGORY	CODE	TOTAL PLEAS OF GUILTY TO THE CLERK	TOTAL PLEAS TO THE CLERK WITH REQUEST FOR SUPERVISION	TOTAL PLEAS OF ELECTRONIC GUILTY	TOTAL PLEAS OF ELECTRONIC GUILTY WITH REQUEST FOR SUPERVISION		
CONSERVATION VIOLATION (Rule 530)	CV	0	0	0	0		
MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION (Rules 529 or 531)	TR	36	10	2	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>		



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REPORT F  
 DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH FELONIES (1)

NOT CONVICTED OF A FELONY				FOUND NOT GUILTY			CONVICTED OF FELONY			TOTAL DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF
NOLLE	S.O.L.	REDUCED TO MISDEMEANOR	(2) DISMISSED OTHER	BENCH TRIAL	JURY TRIAL	GUILTY PLEA	BENCH TRIAL	JURY TRIAL		
0	0	2	11	0	0	7	1	11	32	
TOTAL CONVICTIONS: (3)									19	

- (1) NOT NECESSARILY DIFFERENT DEFENDANTS
- (2) INCLUDES COURT ACTION: NO BILL, TRANSFERRED/NO JURISDICTION, DEATH SUGGESTED/CAUSE ABATED, UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL, SEXUALLY DANGEROUS, TRANSFERS TO WARRANT CALENDER, AND PROCEEDING FILED AS A FELONY.
- (3) TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF FELONIES BY GUILTY PLEA, BENCH TRIAL AND JURY TRIAL FROM THIS REPORT, MUST EQUAL THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FELONY SENTENCES INCLUDED ON REPORT G.

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REPORT G  
 SENTENCE OF THE DEFENDANTS CONVICTED WITH FELONIES

ENTER THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF FELONIES INCLUDED ON REPORT F	19
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FELONY SENTENCE TABLE

	CLASS M	CLASS X	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	TOTALS
1. LIFE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. IDOC	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
3. PROBATION	0	1	1	4	2	7	15
4. OTHERS	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>

NOTE: THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF FELONIES FROM REPORT F MUST EQUAL THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FELONY SENTENCES ON THIS REPORT.

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REPORT H  
ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED

CATEGORY	EMERGENCY	INTERIM	PLENARY	TOTALS
Civil No Contact	1		0	1
Firearms Restraining Order	0		0	0
Orders of Protections	13	0	3	16
Stalking No Contact	1		0	1
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>

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REPORT K  
 SELF REPRESENTED LITIGANTS (SRLs)

CATEGORY	CODE	NEW FILED CASES*	NEW FILED CASES SRL PLAINTIFF	DISPOSED*	DEFAULT JUDGMENTS	AT LEAST ONE SRL	AT LEAST 1 PLAINTIFF AND 1 DEFT SRL	AT LEAST ONE PLAINTIFF SRL	AT LEAST ONE DEFENDANT SRL	NUMBER OF LIMITED SCOPE APPEARANCES
ADOPTION	AD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARBITRATION	AR	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
CHANCERY	CH	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE	D	17	0	24	0	5	0	3	2	0
EMINENT DOMAIN	ED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAMILY	F	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
LAW > \$50,000	L	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAW =< \$50,000	LM	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION	MC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MENTAL HEALTH	MH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS REMEDY	MR	18	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
ORDER OF PROTECTION	OP	24	0	22	0	22	14	21	15	0
PROBATE	P	8	0	13	0	1	0	1	0	0
SMALL CLAIM	SC	34	0	28	7	0	0	0	0	0
TAX	TX	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>

\* NOTE: THE NUMBER OF "FILED" AND "DISPOSED" CASES IN EACH CATEGORY ON THIS REPORT MUST EQUAL THE NUMBER OF "NEW FILED" AND "DISPOSED" CASES REPORTED FOR THE SAME CATEGORY ON REPORT A, RESPECTIVELY.



Your guide  
through  
the courts

## **Why Illinois Court Help?**

As courts across the state continue to develop innovative responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, they face new challenges in providing meaningful services and assistance to court users, lawyers, and the public. Navigational help and court information was previously offered at courthouses primarily in person and on a walk-in basis. This mode of delivery may no longer be as feasible or safe due to the pandemic. Low-income communities, which are more likely to be communities of color, are most harmed by this reduction in access to resources. Lawyers and other court users also have experienced challenges in knowing court procedures and practices that were enacted during the pandemic. It's clear our courts need an alternative way to offer information.

## **A New Service for All Court Users**

Illinois Court Help—developed by the Illinois Courts—is a free, comprehensive service that will provide up-to-date and accurate information about processes and procedures for all courts in the state. While the courts are still the first place people should reach out to for local information, court personnel can recommend this new service to users who have questions about courts and processes, especially those in other counties.

Illinois Court Help addresses the challenges courts have had in effectively assisting court users, self-represented litigants and lawyers by providing personalized delivery of the information they need. Illinois Court Help will keep cases moving more efficiently and smoothly by helping people without a lawyer file their court forms and better understand court rules and procedures. It will also provide relief for court personnel who may be overburdened by requests for information. This new service will not duplicate or interfere with any existing efforts to increase access to the courts; rather, it will serve as a connector between courts, court users and helpful resources and entities.

## **The Details**

Illinois Court Help will launch on May 17, 2021. Initially, users may communicate with specially trained court guides through a telephone hotline and text messaging. In the future, channels for live web chat and email will be opened. Guides will answer questions from court users, lawyers, and the public about civil, criminal, and appellate court processes and procedures. They will provide general and county-specific information intended to help anyone navigating the court system. Guides will not provide legal advice, but they will offer referrals to legal help, self-help resources, and standardized court forms.

## **Your Help is Needed**

We hope you can help us raise awareness of Illinois Court Help. Prior to launch, we will provide you with a digital toolkit of informational materials you can share at your courthouse and with your networks. We also appreciate recommendations for local content that can be added to our information library. Please email your recommendations to Lisa Colpoys at [lcolpoys@illinoiscourts.gov](mailto:lcolpoys@illinoiscourts.gov).