

Getting Started

Notice of Appeal

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use the *Notice of Appeal* form. Your use of the form does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the form and file it with the court, read the *HOW TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

Name of form:	<i>Notice of Appeal</i>
Purpose of the form:	To start the appeal of a trial court order or judgment.
Types of cases the form CAN be used for:	Civil cases where the trial court entered an order that can be appealed. A final order (which is generally one that ends the case) can be appealed.
Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:	Criminal cases and cases where there is not an order that can be appealed.
Cost to file the form:	None.
Special information or papers needed to complete the form:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The orders you want to appeal. • Businesses other than sole proprietorships cannot represent themselves in the appellate court. Please talk to a lawyer.
Statutes and rules covering the form:	Illinois Supreme Court Rules 11 , 12 , 301 , 303(b) , 373
Where to find the form and instruction sheet:	illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/
Where to get access to a computer and scanner to file and serve:	The trial clerk's office will have a computer and scanner where you can scan, save, and then use the computer to e-file and serve your document. Your local library may also have a computer and scanner you can use. For a list of legal self-help centers: illinoislegalaid.org/get-legal-help/lshc-directory .
For more information:	Read the <i>HOW TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL</i> instruction sheet that comes with this form. You may also contact the appellate court where you are filing your case. You can find the contact information for the appropriate appellate court at: illinoiscourts.gov/AppellateCourt/ClerksDefault.asp . Find more information at: illinoiscourts.gov/CivilJustice/Resources/Guide_for_Appeals_to_the_IL_Appellate_Court.pdf .