

# Getting Started

## Financial Affidavit (Family & Divorce Cases)

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**IMPORTANT:** This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to complete a *Financial Affidavit (Family & Divorce Cases)*. Your use of the forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *How to Complete a Financial Affidavit (Family & Divorce Cases)* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

<b>Names of forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Financial Affidavit (Family &amp; Divorce Cases)</i></li> <li>• <i>Additional Information for the Financial Affidavit (Family &amp; Divorce Cases)</i> (if needed)</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose of the forms:</b>	To provide financial information and documents to the other party and the court.
<b>Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:</b>	All family and divorce cases.
<b>Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:</b>	All other case types.
<b>Cost to File the Form:</b>	None
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most recent income tax returns</li> <li>• Most recent pay stubs or other proof of income</li> <li>• Most recent bank statements</li> <li>• Other documents supporting your statements about your expenses, debts, and assets</li> </ul>
<b>Statutes covering the forms:</b>	<a href="#">750 ILCS 5/501</a> "Temporary Relief," Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
<b>Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://illinoiscourts.gov/documents-and-forms/approved-forms/">illinoiscourts.gov/documents-and-forms/approved-forms/</a>
<b>For more information:</b>	Read the <i>How to Complete a Financial Affidavit (Family &amp; Divorce Cases)</i> instructions that come with these forms. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county legal self-help center at <a href="http://www.illinoislegalaid.org">www.illinoislegalaid.org</a> .