

Getting Started

Appearance (Civil Asset Forfeiture)

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use the *Appearance (Civil Asset Forfeiture)* form in your case. Your use of this 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 an Appearance in a Civil Asset Forfeiture Case* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

Name of the form:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Appearance (Civil Asset Forfeiture)</i>• <i>Additional Proof of Delivery (Civil Asset Forfeiture)</i> (if needed)
Purpose of the form:	The <i>Appearance</i> form notifies the judge and the other parties that you will take part in the case. It also tells the judge and the other parties how to contact you.
Types of cases the form CAN be used for:	Civil asset forfeiture cases.
Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:	Any other civil or criminal case. For an <i>Appearance</i> to use in any civil case that is not a civil asset forfeiture case, you can find an <i>Appearance</i> form at illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/ .
Cost to File the form:	There is a fee to file the <i>Appearance</i> form. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you can ask the court to file for free or at a reduced cost by filing the <i>Application for Waiver of Court Fees</i> .
Special information or papers needed to complete the form:	The civil asset forfeiture case name and number which you can find on the Complaint for Forfeiture.
Statutes covering the form:	Illinois Supreme Court Rules: 13 , 131 , 136 , 137 , 138 , 183 , 281 , 286 . Illinois Statutes: 720 ILCS 5/36 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-601 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-301 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-615 ; 735 ILCS 5/2-619 ; 720 ILCS 570/505 ; 720 ILCS 570/100 ; 720 ILCS 5/29B-1 ; 725 ILCS 150/1 ; and 410 ILCS 620/1
Where to find the form and instruction sheet:	illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/
For more information:	Read the <i>How to File an Appearance in a Civil Asset Forfeiture Case</i> instruction sheet that comes with this form. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local legal self-help center at: https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/getting-back-my-forfeited-property .