



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

SmartForms Fact Sheet

- ✓ Available from any Internet computer 24x7
- ✓ Easy to use – no legal experience needed; simple computer interface
- ✓ Guided interview walks you through the process and makes sure you answer every important question required
- ✓ Educates you as you go, giving you the opportunity to learn more about legal terms and court procedures
- ✓ Easy to understand help on every important topic is just a mouse click away, and you will be well prepared to come to court
- ✓ Completes your forms automatically based on your responses
- ✓ Allows you to provide more information than the standard court forms
- ✓ Allows you to print your completed forms for filing with the Clerk
- ✓ This is a free service provided by the Cook County Clerk of Circuit Court

Filing paths available:

- Petition for Order of Protection for:
 - Yourself (and others living in your home)
 - On Behalf of a Minor
 - On Behalf of an Incapacitated Adult

Includes requests for:

- Child support, custody, & visitation
- Spousal support
- Possession of personal property
- Numerous other remedies, e.g. Stay Away Remedy, Harassment, Stalking, Order for Counseling, etc.

Forms included:

- Domestic Relations Cover Sheet
- Summons
- Petition for Order of Protection
- Emergency Order of Protection
- Findings Order of Protection
- Interim or Plenary Order of Protection