



WELCOME TO THE WAUKESHA COUNTY FAMILY COURT SELF-HELP CENTER

WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP YOU IF WE CAN. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALLOWED TO HELP YOU ONLY IN CERTAIN WAYS, SINCE WE MUST BE FAIR TO EVERYONE.

This is a list of some things the court staff can and cannot do for you.

We can	explain and answer questions about how the court works.	We cannot	recommend whether you should file a case or what actions you should take.
We can	provide you with the number of the lawyer referral service, legal services program, and other services.	We cannot	tell you what words to use in your court papers or what to say in court.
We can	give you general information about court rules, procedures, practices, and terms.	We cannot	research or interpret the law for you. We cannot apply the law to the facts of your case.
We can	provide court schedules and information on how to get a case scheduled.	We cannot	give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.
We can	provide you information from a case file as long as the case is not confidential.	We cannot	let you talk to the judge outside of court or talk to the judge for you.
We can	provide you with court forms and instructions that are available, and check your forms for completeness.	We cannot	take sides in a case or provide assistance that would be unfair to the other side in your case.
We can	give information about court deadlines, but we cannot compute deadlines for you.	We cannot	change an order signed by a judge.

Court rules, procedures, and practices can be very complex. Because we don't want to give you wrong information, we have been instructed not to answer questions if we do not know the correct answers. For additional information, please contact:

- the State Bar Lawyer Referral & Information Service, 800-362-9082, <http://www.wisbar.org>;
- the Wisconsin Court Self-Help Center web site, www.wicourts.gov;
- the Wisconsin State Law Library, 800-322-9755, <http://wsll.state.wi.us>.
- the Waukesha County Family Court Self-Help Center web site, <http://courtsselfhelp.waukeshacounty.gov>