



## WELCOME TO THE MILWAUKEE JUSTICE CENTER MILWAUKEE COUNTY

**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.

<b>We can</b>	explain and answer questions about how the court works.	<b>We cannot</b>	recommend whether you should file a case or what actions you should take.
<b>We can</b>	provide you with the number of the lawyer referral service, legal services program, and other services.	<b>We cannot</b>	tell you what words to use in your court papers or what to say in court.
<b>We can</b>	give you general information about court rules, procedures, practices, and terms.	<b>We cannot</b>	research or interpret the law for you. We cannot apply the law to the facts of your case.
<b>We can</b>	provide court schedules and information on how to get a case scheduled.	<b>We cannot</b>	give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.
<b>We can</b>	provide you information from a case file as long as the case is not confidential.	<b>We cannot</b>	let you talk to the judge outside of court or talk to the judge for you.
<b>We can</b>	provide you with court forms and instructions that are available, and check your forms for completeness.	<b>We cannot</b>	take sides in a case or provide assistance that would be unfair to the other side in your case.
<b>We can</b>	give information about court deadlines, but we cannot compute deadlines for you.	<b>We cannot</b>	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](http://www.wicourts.gov)
- the Wisconsin State Law Library, 800-322-9755, <http://wsll.state.wi.us>
- the Milwaukee Justice Center website, [www.milwaukeejusticecenter.com](http://www.milwaukeejusticecenter.com)