



Supreme Court of Illinois  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS COURTS**

Form Name: Order for Waiver of Court Fees  
Form Number: WA-O 604.1  
Suggestions and Commission Responses

April 24, 2014

**Comments/Suggestion:** You need to have a statement or link to how much income constitutes a poverty level income. The public does not have a way of knowing what "125% of the poverty level" means!

**Response:** Thank you so much for your thoughtful comments in response to the fee waiver forms. We truly appreciate your comments, which have been carefully considered and the committee made changes to make the forms as simple to use while remaining legally sufficient. Thank you again for taking the time to review these forms and share feedback.

May 13, 2014

**Comments/Suggestion:** Delete the boxes on the left side. Add the instruction, "Leave this form BLANK. Bring to the judge 'as is'."

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May 17, 2014

**Comments/Suggestion:** As a judge, I do not have authority to grant the waiver of a mediator's fees since that is a third party. I am not aware of any funds of the county that can be used to pay for same. Likewise, I do not feel comfortable waiving the fees of a court-ordered guardian ad litem.

I have had cases, for example a divorce, where I have waived fees for Petitioner but included a provision that the court reserves right to assess fees against the Respondent as part of dissolution proceedings since it appears that the Respondent may have the income or assets with which to pay same.

Our clerk also has allowed me to waive a portion of fees (rightly or wrongly).

I have found that people do not have a clue what real estate means. I have had applications for waiver state no real estate but in divorce papers real estate is listed. Additional sources of income may need to be listed: maintenance/alimony, rent.

Do you anticipate including chart setting forth 125% of poverty level?

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