

# Getting Started

## Mortgage Foreclosure Appearance & Answer

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**IMPORTANT:** This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to answer a Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint. Your use of the forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *HOW TO RESPOND TO A MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE COMPLAINT* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

<b>Names of forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mortgage Foreclosure Appearance &amp; Answer</i></li><li>• <i>Additional Defendant Signatures, Names, &amp; Addresses</i> (If needed)</li><li>• <i>Additional Paragraphs for Mortgage Foreclosure Appearance &amp; Answer</i> (If needed)</li><li>• <i>Additional Defenses for Mortgage Foreclosure Appearance &amp; Answer</i> (If needed)</li></ul>
<b>Purpose of the forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tell the court you know about the foreclosure case.</li><li>• Respond to the Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint.</li></ul>
<b>Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:</b>	Cases in which you are being sued to foreclose on a home mortgage.
<b>Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:</b>	The forms may not be appropriate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cases involving commercial properties; OR</li><li>• cases with additional counts other than foreclosure such as "breach of contract," "reformation," or "quiet title."</li></ul>
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint and Summons you received.</li><li>• Your personal records about your payments on the mortgage.</li></ul>
<b>Statutes covering the forms:</b>	<a href="#">735 Illinois Compiled Statutes</a> , section 5/15-1101 through section 5/15-1706.
<b>Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/">http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/</a>
<b>For more information:</b>	Read the <i>How to Respond to a Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint</i> instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county self-help center at <a href="http://www.illinoislegalaid.org/foreclosure">www.illinoislegalaid.org/foreclosure</a> .