

Welcome to Room 1401

If you are a defendant in Courtroom 1401, that means a judgment was entered against you in another courtroom. Either you defended that case, lost, and a judgment was entered against you, or you did not appear and a default judgment was entered against you. In either situation, you cannot challenge the entry of that judgment in THIS courtroom. If that is something you are interested in doing, you would need to file an appropriate motion and have it noticed to be heard in the courtroom where the judgment was entered.

In Room 1401 we only address efforts to enforce or collect the judgment. You may have received a Citation to Discover Assets, or a Notice of a Bank Citation or Wage Citation or Garnishment.

If you are responding to a Citation to Discover Assets, you will be sworn in as a witness. The Plaintiff's lawyer will ask you about your income, assets you may own—sources of an ability to pay some or all the judgment. Those are appropriate questions. You do have rights in this process. Those rights are generally described on the Citation form you received that told you to come to Court today.

If you received Notice of a Citation served on your bank or other financial institution, understand that you also have rights to claim certain exemptions that are generally described on the Citation Notice you received.

If you received Notice of a Wage Citation or Garnishment, please understand that the formula for Wage Deductions is established by the Illinois Legislature and that the Court does not have discretion to alter that formula. A certain level of wages, however, is automatically exempt from a Wage Deduction Turnover Order.

If you want to talk to a lawyer about the Notice or other document you received, you can call or email CARPLS, a free legal assistance organization. CARPLS phone number is 312-738-9486.

If you attend the Zoom hearing in your case, be sure to provide the Court Clerk with your email address so that you can receive a copy of whatever Order is entered in your matter.

Thank you.