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NOTICE TO PEOPLE ACTING AS THEIR OWN LAWYER

A person acting on his or her own behalf as a lawyer is, under the law, held to the same standards and duties as a lawyer admitted to practice in the State of Illinois. You are expected to know what the law requires and how to accomplish your purpose in accordance with the applicable statutes and court rules. No court employee is obligated to tell you what you have to do, how you are to do it or what you should do under the circumstances. In fact, BY LAW, the Judges, clerks, court officers and all court personnel are specifically prohibited from giving you legal advice. IF YOU NEED ADVICE, PLEASE SEE A LAWYER. If you do not have a lawyer and do not know a specific lawyer, you may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the Lake County Bar Association. If you do not have the funds to pay a lawyer, you may seek assistance from Legal Aid known as Prairie State Legal Services (847-662-6925) in civil cases, or the Public Defender (847-377-3360) in criminal cases.

If you decide to represent yourself, you can find forms and legal information in the Lake County Law Library Self Representation Center. You can also find legal information at the Court's Website, www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us.