

FREE HELP FOR CIVIL CASES

The FCMC Self Help Center is a free, walk-in service to help you represent yourself in court without a lawyer.

We cannot offer legal advice, but we can point you to helpful resources.

The Self Help Center Can Help You:

- Learn how to represent yourself
- Get help with court rules, procedures, and forms
- Know what to expect before you go to court
- Be more informed of your legal options

What You Can Access at the Self Help Center:

- Court forms
- Tools and guides to help with court forms and legal research
- Pro Se (self-representation) aid and guidance
- Answers to general questions about Municipal Court processes or procedures

Civil Legal Issues We Can Help You With:

- Sealing/Expunging of records
- Landlord/tenant issues—including evictions and rent escrow
- General division claims
- Small claims
- Creditor/debtor issues

REMEMBER

Staff cannot provide legal service or representation and cannot assist with any criminal, protection order or traffic matters.

It is up to YOU to make decisions about your legal issues.

READY TO GET STARTED?

WALK IN

OR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

375 S. High St., 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(last visitors accepted at 2:30 PM)

The Center does not accept appointments and staff cannot provide information over the phone. The Center is closed whenever the Municipal Court is closed. There may be times the Center is closed during normal hours due to staff responsibilities.


www.franklincountymunicourt.org/selfhelp

Includes helpful legal and research resources and materials on various legal issues and a web chat to answer your questions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

SEALING & EXPUNGING CRIMINAL RECORDS

What's the difference between expunging and sealing a criminal record?
See O.R.C. 2953.32

EXPUNGEMENT	SEALING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletes the Court record, destroying it forever. • No one has access to expunged Court records. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seals the Court record from public access. • Only certain people have access for certain reasons. 