

DEFINITIONS OF COURT CASE TYPES

AD - ADOPTION

An Adoption case number shall be assigned to every adoption case.

C - CIVIL

Prior to 1/1/96, many civil matters were filed as "C" cases in Champaign County. These included what are now referred to as CH, D, ED, F, MC and OP cases.

CC - CONTEMPT OF COURT

A Contempt of Court case number shall be assigned to any proceeding for contempt of court initiated against a person who is not a party to the action in which the contemptuous conduct allegedly occurred. The CC category may be used in both civil and criminal contempt proceedings against non-parties. This case type was first used in Champaign County 1/1/96.

CF - CRIMINAL FELONY

A Felony case number shall be assigned when a complaint, information or indictment is filed in which at least one count charges a felony.

CH - CHANCERY

A Chancery case number shall be assigned to a complaint for equitable relief in matters such as foreclosures, trusts, and title to real property. If any equitable relief is sought in a complaint, the case shall be classified as a CH case unless the action is included under another category.

Subcategories:

- Construction of inter vivos trust
- Construction of testamentary trust
- Construction of will
- Foreclosure of security interest in personal property
- Injunction (except in Tax and Dissolution cases)
- Mechanic's lien foreclosure
- Partition
- Partnership dissolution
- Quiet title
- Real estate mortgage foreclosure
- Specific performance
- Trust administration
- Will contest

Prior to 1/1/96, CH cases were filed as C cases in Champaign County.

CM - CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR

A Misdemeanor case number shall be assigned when a case is filed in which the most serious charge carries a penalty of less than one year imprisonment. However, this does not apply to CC, CV, DT, OV or TR cases, which are defined elsewhere in this section.

CV - CONSERVATION VIOLATION

A Conservation case number shall be assigned to any case defined by Supreme Court Rule 501(c).

D - DISSOLUTION

A Dissolution case number shall be assigned to a complaint for dissolution of marriage, annulment, or separate maintenance.

Subcategories:

- Invalidity
- Dissolution
- Legal separation

Prior to 1/1/96, D cases were filed as C cases in Champaign County.

DT - DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

A Driving Under the Influence case number shall be assigned to any case charging a violation of a statute, ordinance, or regulation governing driving under the influence of alcohol, other drug, or combination thereof. If, however, the offense is punishable upon conviction by imprisonment in a penitentiary, the case shall be assigned a CF number in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 501(f).

The results of a blood alcohol evaluation test, or failure to submit to such a test, shall not be given a separate DT number, but shall be an additional count of the DT case.

Prior to 1/1/96, DT cases were filed as T cases in Champaign County.

ED - EMINENT DOMAIN

An Eminent Domain case number shall be assigned to proceedings involving compensation to an owner for property taken for public use.

Prior to 1/1/96, ED cases were filed as C cases in Champaign County.

F - FAMILY

A Family case number shall be assigned to a variety of matters including proceedings to establish the parent-child relationship, notice to putative fathers, and certain actions relating to child support. NOTE: Petitions for Orders of Protection filed as separate cases are filed under the OP category.

Subcategories:

Civil actions to compel support

Emancipation of minor

Notice to putative father under the Adoption Act (750 ILCS 50/12a) and Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405(2-30, 3-31, 4-28 and 5-32)

Parentage

Petition for confidential intermediary

Petition for order to issue marriage license

Registration of foreign support order

Prior to 1/1/96, F cases were filed as either C or L cases in Champaign County.

J - JUVENILE

A Juvenile case number shall be assigned to any proceeding initiated under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/1-1 et seq.) except those defined by the JA and JD categories below.

Where multiple counts are alleged, if any of those counts include JD matters, the case shall be filed as a JD case. If the multiple counts include JA allegations but not JD, the case shall be filed as a JA case.

JA - JUVENILE ABUSE

A Juvenile Abuse and Neglect case number shall be assigned to all cases involving a neglected or abused minor as defined by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/2-3(1) and (2)). If a petition contains additional counts under the Juvenile Court Act, the case shall nonetheless be assigned a JA number; however, if any of the counts are delinquency counts, the case shall be assigned a JD case number.

JD - JUVENILE DELINQUENT

A Juvenile Delinquency case number shall be assigned to all cases involving a delinquent minor as defined by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/5-3(1)). If a petition contains additional counts under the juvenile act, the case shall nonetheless be assigned a JD case number.

L - LAW: DAMAGES OVER \$50,000

A Law case number shall be assigned to tort, contract, and a variety of other actions in which the damages sought are greater than \$50,000. The amount of damages contained in the complaint, excluding interest and costs, determines the category, not the amount of the verdict of judgment. If no specific amount is claimed, an L number shall be assigned.

Subcategories:

- Arbitration and award
- Contract - money damages
- Confession of judgment
- Detinue
- Distress for rent
- Ejectment
- Forcible Entry and Detainer
- Replevin
- Statutory action by a state or political subdivision to recover support or contribution
- Tort - money damages
- Trover

Prior to 1/1/96, LM, TX and some MR cases were filed as L cases in Champaign County.

LM - LAW: DAMAGES \$50,000 OR LESS (OTHER THAN SC)

A Law Magistrate case number shall be assigned to tort, contract, and a variety of other actions in which the damages sought are \$50,000 or less. The amount of damages contained in the complaint, excluding interest and costs, determines the category, not the amount of the verdict or judgment. Note that a tort, contract, or tax collection case in which the damages sought are \$10,000 or less is assigned an SC number.

Subcategories:

- Arbitration and award
- Contract - money damages over \$10,000 and under \$50,001
- Confession of judgment
- Detinue
- Distress for rent
- Ejectment
- Forcible Entry and Detainer
- Replevin
- Statutory action by a state or political subdivision to recover support or contribution
- Tort - money damages over \$10,000 and under \$50,001
- Trover

Prior to 1/1/96, LM cases were filed as L cases in Champaign County.

MC - MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Each municipal corporation shall have one permanent case number and file folder for routine matters to be considered by the court. This file will contain such matters as organization, appointment of officers, approval of bonds, and routine orders confirming annexation. A new case number and file folder should not be created when additional documents of this nature are filed.

Excluded from the MC file will be matters which require more than routine consideration by the court. For example, a local improvement or a drainage assessment proceeding will have its own TX case number and file; a petition for the conduct of an election regarding an annexation will be placed in an MC file with its own MC case number.

Also excluded from the MC file is litigation involving the municipal corporation as a party such as a suit against a city for personal injuries-- such cases will have their own L, LM or SC case numbers.

Subcategories:

- Petition to organize municipal corporation
- Petition to dissolve municipal corporation
- Other routine matters relating to municipal corporations and not listed under another category

Prior to 1/1/96, MC cases were filed as C cases in Champaign County.

MH - MENTAL HEALTH

A Mental Health case number shall be assigned to proceedings involving commitment, discharge, or restoration to legal status. When a proceeding relative to a resident of Illinois is held in a county other than the county in which the person resides and a transcript of such proceeding is received by the circuit clerk of the county of such person's residence, the clerk shall create a case file and assign it an MH number. Change of status reports will also be placed in this file.

A petition for discharge or restoration is a new case if filed in a county other than the county from which the petitioner was committed; if filed in the same county, it is a post-termination proceeding.

Subcategories:

- Petition for hospitalization
- Petition for discharge
- Petition for restoration
- Petition to administer treatment

MR - MISCELLANEOUS REMEDY

A Miscellaneous Remedy case number shall be assigned to complaints seeking review of administrative decisions (other than of a tax commission) and a variety of other actions that include change of name, habeas corpus, and extradition.

Subcategories:

- Abatement of Nuisance
- Application for order authorizing eavesdropping or electronic criminal surveillance
- Attachment (original action)
- Burnt records
- Certiorari
- Change of name
- Corporation dissolution
- Declaratory judgment
- Demolition
- Eavesdropping
- Election contest
- Escheat
- Extradition
- Habeas corpus (civil or criminal)
- Lost goods or money
- Mandamus
- Ne exeat (original action)
- Prohibition
- Quo warranto
- Rendition
- Review of administrative proceedings (other than tax commission)
- Search Warrant (complaint for search warrant not related to pending case)

Prior to 1/1/96, MR cases could have been filed as C, L or Criminal cases in Champaign County.

OP - ORDER OF PROTECTION

An Order of Protection case number shall be assigned to any petition for an order of protection. Prior to 1/1/96, OP cases were filed as C cases in Champaign County.

OV - ORDINANCE VIOLATION

An Ordinance Violation case number shall be assigned to any case in which violation of a local ordinance is charged. However, violation of a traffic ordinance as defined by Supreme Court Rule 501(f) shall be given a TR or DT number, as appropriate. Prior to 1/1/96, OV cases were filed as Q cases in Champaign County.

P - PROBATE

A Probate case number shall be assigned to estates of decedents and guardianship matters.

Subcategories:

Estates of decedents
Guardianship of person and/or estate

Prior to 1/1/96, in Champaign County all wills were assigned P numbers whether they were to be probated or not. At that time, guardianships were assigned W numbers. Since that time, W is no longer used and guardianships are assigned P numbers. Also since that time, all wills are assigned WI numbers.

Q - Quasi-criminal

Prior to 1/1/96, what are now referred to as OV cases were assigned Q numbers in Champaign County.

S - SMALL CLAIMS

See below for definition. This letter designation was used in Champaign County for Small Claims cases before 1996.

SC - SMALL CLAIMS

A Small Claim case number shall be assigned to "...a civil action based on either tort or contract for money not in excess of \$10,000, exclusive of interest and costs, or for the collection of taxes not in excess of that amount" (Supreme Court Rule 281).

Subcategories:

Contract - money damages \$10,000 or less
Tax collection \$10,000 or less
Tort - money damages \$10,000 or less

T - TRAFFIC

Before 1996, TR and DT cases were assigned T numbers in Champaign County.

TR - TRAFFIC VIOLATION

A Traffic case number shall be assigned to any case defined by Supreme Court Rule 501(f), except DUI cases. Note that a violation of a traffic ordinance as defined by Rule 501(f) is given a TR number.

The following offenses are excluded by Rule 501(f) and should be assigned the appropriate CF, CM, OV or CV case number:

- Cases in which a ticket is served by "tie-on", "hang-on", or "appended" methods;
- Reckless homicide (720 ILCS 5/9-3);
- Reckless conduct (720 ILCS 5/12-5);
- Illinois Vehicle Code anti-theft laws (625 ILCS 5/4-100 et seq.);
- Any charge punishable upon conviction by imprisonment in a penitentiary;
- "Jay walking" ordinances of any unit of local government;
- Any conservation offense (see Supreme Court Rule 501 (c)).

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 552, each Uniform Citation and Complaint form and conservation complaint shall be assigned a separate case number.

Prior to 1996, TR cases were assigned T numbers in Champaign County.

TX - TAX

A Tax case number shall be assigned to the annual tax sale and a variety of other actions relating to the collection of taxes. Petitions for tax deeds and objections are part of the annual tax sale proceeding and will be assigned sub-numbers of the annual tax sale case number.

Subcategories:

- Annual tax sale
- Drainage assessment
- Foreclosure of lien for special assessment
- Petition for tax deed
- Retailer's occupation tax
- Scavenger tax sale
- Special assessment
- Suit to restrain collection of special assessment or to change special assessment
- Tax commission, review of decision
- Tax foreclosure
- Tax injunction
- Tax objection
- Tax refund (petition for)

W - GUARDIANSHIPS

Prior to 1996, all guardianship matters were assigned W numbers in Champaign County. Since that time they are assigned P numbers.

WI - WILLS

Since 1/1/96, all wills filed in the Champaign County Circuit Clerk's office are assigned WI numbers. Previously they were assigned P numbers.