

Standardized Court Forms

What do changes to Rule 10-101 mean?

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Do we have to stop using ALL local court forms?



Good news, no! The rule change only prohibits maintaining, creating, disseminating, requiring, promoting, or encouraging the use of a local form after a standardized court form is published for that legal remedy.

How do we know what standardized court forms are published?

All approved standardized court forms are found at illinoiscourts.gov/documents-and-forms/approved-forms/. The ATJ Commission will circulate a list of all published standardized court forms with their current version numbers and publication dates to ensure that you have the most recent forms.



Can we just use our forms or old versions of standardized forms until what is already printed is used up?



Unfortunately, no. In order to reduce confusion and meet the spirit of the rule change, the applicable local forms need to be discontinued by September 1, 2021 and any old versions of standardized court forms should be discarded upon publication of a new version. Please recycle.

Should we reject any filing that isn't on a standardized court form?

Please don't. This rule does not prevent litigants and lawyers from filing any document they choose. It does require that courts allow any standardized court form to be filed and must always accept one that is submitted. The new restrictions in 10-101 are only on what forms *courts* make available or require.

