



## May 2014 Tip of the Month: Legal Resources & eTools on MN Court Websites

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Whether you volunteer at an advice clinic or provide full representation through VLN, sharing your time and expertise with clients who have low income helps fill critical gaps in access to justice. The expansion of legal information and e-tools available on the Minnesota court websites is also intended to bridge some of the gaps. This **“Tip of the Month”** highlights some of those resources (hyperlinked in blue!) that may be useful to you and your clients.

[A – Z Topics](#) - alphabetical index of links to District Court information & legal topics

[Contact Us](#) – locations, phone numbers & directories

[Calendars](#) – hearing dates & times, & judicial assignments

[Going to Court](#) – courtroom locations, parking & transit

[Forms](#) – forms that can be used in the 4<sup>th</sup> District

[Court Forms](#) – forms that can be used *statewide*

[Judges & Referees](#) – contact chambers by phone & email

[Records Center](#) – access to records online, copies of court documents, & judgments search

[Self-Help Centers](#) – pro se services & legal advice clinics in the 4<sup>th</sup> District Court

The screenshot shows the website for the 4th Judicial District of Minnesota. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Pay Fines Online', 'Fees', 'Court Forms', 'Find Court Calendars', 'Access to Trial Court Records', 'Appellate Court Records and Opinions', 'Career Opportunities', 'Self-Help Center', and 'Find Your District'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the 4th Judicial District of Minnesota' message, a 'Quick Links' table, and a 'Contact Us' section with hours and location information.

<a href="#">Child Support</a>	<a href="#">Domestic Abuse</a>	<a href="#">Jury Service</a>
<a href="#">Court Calendars</a>	<a href="#">Eviction</a>	<a href="#">Marriage Ceremonies</a>
<a href="#">Court Records Center</a>	<a href="#">Fees &amp; Forms</a>	<a href="#">Self-Help Centers</a>
<a href="#">Criminal Expungement</a>	<a href="#">Harassment</a>	<a href="#">Tickets &amp; Fines</a>
<a href="#">Divorce</a>	<a href="#">Judgments</a>	<a href="#">Transcript Requests</a>

4<sup>th</sup> District Court custom web addresses:

[www.mncourts.gov/hennepin](http://www.mncourts.gov/hennepin)  
[www.mncourts.gov/district/4](http://www.mncourts.gov/district/4)  
[www.mncourts.gov/district/4/selfhelp](http://www.mncourts.gov/district/4/selfhelp)

### Did you know...?

- Minnesota court websites now have the Google Search Appliance for the search tool.
- The public can access digital **court documents** and e-records maintained by the MN District Courts at MNCIS terminals in all county courthouses. » [More on e-records ...](#)
- Many counties, including [Hennepin](#), [Anoka](#) and [Stearns](#) publish some court information on their websites.

## Got a suggestion?

We regularly update and expand content on the court websites. If you have suggestions or requests for new topics or information that you think would be useful to court customers, please email your ideas to [4thshcmnweb@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:4thshcmnweb@courts.state.mn.us).

### [A – Z Help Topics](#) -

alphabetical index of links to legal topics & statewide court information

### [Contact Us @ SHC](#) – staff

provide 1:1 help by phone & email statewide, including forms screening service

### [I-CAN! Forms](#) – free online

document assembly tool for divorce & IFP forms

### [Legal Advice Clinics & SHCs](#) –

statewide list of service locations in courthouses

### [How Can I Find Someone?](#) –

ways to locate people for service of process

### [Videos & Tutorials](#) – step by

step videos on filling out forms & going to court

Plus...get the basics, forms & resources on **more than 30 legal topics!**

MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH

Advanced Search [ ] Search

Pay Fines Online | Fees | Court Forms | Find Court Calendars | Access to Trial Court Records | Appellate Court  
Records and Opinions | Rules

Career Opportunities | **Self-Help Center** | Find Your District

## Self-Help Center

Representing Yourself in Court

SHC Home

- [A - Z Help Topics](#)
- [Contact Us @ SHC](#)
- [Find a Lawyer](#)
- [Forms](#)
- [I-CAN! Forms](#)
- [Law Libraries](#)
- [Laws, Rules & Legal Research](#)
- [Legal Advice Clinics & Self-Help Centers](#)
- [Legal Terms](#)
- [Representing Yourself in Court](#)
- [Videos & Tutorials](#)

**FIND HELP WITH:**

- Car Title Problems
- Civil Actions (In District Court)
- Conciliation Court
- Criminal Expungement
- Divorce, Child Support, Custody & Family Law
- Domestic Abuse & Harassment
- Fee Waiver (IFP)
- Guardianship & Conservatorship
- Judgments
- Juvenile Law
- Landlord & Tenant
- Name Change
- Probate, Wills & Estates
- Settle a Case Out of Court (ADR)
- More Legal Topics...

**LANGUAGE LINKS:**

- [Español / Spanish](#)
- [Hindi / हिन्दी](#)
- [Somali / Somali](#)
- [More Languages...](#)

### Self-Help Center

This website is intended for people who are representing themselves in a Minnesota District Court without a lawyer. The information here is **NOT a substitute for legal advice**. [Talk with a lawyer](#) licensed in Minnesota to get advice on your situation. See [Disclaimer](#) and [What Court Staff Can and Cannot Do for You](#). Visit the MN Judicial Branch website to [learn more about the courts](#).

#### Find Help With...

<a href="#">Divorce, Child Support, Custody &amp; Family Law</a>	<a href="#">Conciliation Court (under \$10,000)</a>	<a href="#">Landlord &amp; Tenant</a>
<a href="#">Criminal Expungement</a>	<a href="#">Civil Actions (In District Court)</a>	<a href="#">Guardianship &amp; Conservatorship</a>
<a href="#">Car Title Problems</a>	<a href="#">Fee Waiver (IFP)</a>	<a href="#">Name Change</a>
<a href="#">Judgments</a>	<a href="#">Juvenile Law Adoption, CHIPS, etc.</a>	<a href="#">Probate, Wills &amp; Estates</a>
<a href="#">Domestic Abuse &amp; Harassment Protection Orders</a>	<a href="#">Settle Out of Court (ADR)</a>	<a href="#">More Legal Topics...</a>
<a href="#">How Can I Find Someone?</a>	<a href="#">Representing Yourself in Court</a>	<a href="#">Videos &amp; Tutorials</a>

[More Help Topics](#)

#### Questions?

- [Legal Advice Clinics & Self-Help in the Courts](#)
- [Staff Remote Access](#)

#### News & Updates

- [Answering a Civil Action \*\*NEW!\*\*](#)
- [2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines \*\*NEW!\*\*](#)
- [FAQs on Same Sex Marriage & Divorce](#)

#### Related Links:

- [LawHelpMN.org](#)
- [Legal Aid \(MLSC\)](#)
- [MN Attorney General's Office](#)
- [State of Minnesota](#)
- [U.S. District Courts of MN](#)
- [U.S. Government](#)

Self-Help Center custom web addresses:

[www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp](http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp)

[www.mncourts.gov/ican](http://www.mncourts.gov/ican)

## More online services from the MN Judicial Branch:

Pay tickets and fines

Conservators e-file annual accounts

Attorneys and legal professionals use **eFile & eServe**

Look up case records and calendars in MNCIS/MPA Remote

[www.mncourts.gov/fines](http://www.mncourts.gov/fines)

[www.mncourts.gov/conservators](http://www.mncourts.gov/conservators)

[www.mncourts.gov/eFile](http://www.mncourts.gov/eFile)

[www.mncourts.gov/caserecords](http://www.mncourts.gov/caserecords)