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| <b>STATE OF ILLINOIS,<br/>CIRCUIT COURT</b><br><br>_____ <b>COUNTY</b>   | <b>CERTIFICATION FOR<br/>EXEMPTION FROM E-FILING</b>   | <i>For Court Use Only</i>  |
| <b>Instructions ▼</b><br>Directly above, enter the name of the county where the case was filed.<br>Enter the name of the person who started the lawsuit as Plaintiff/Petitioner.<br>Enter the name of the person being sued as Defendant/Respondent.<br>Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk or leave this blank if you do not have one. | <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>Plaintiff / Petitioner</b> <i>(First, middle, last name)</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">       v.     </div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>Defendant / Respondent</b> <i>(First, middle, last name)</i> </div> | <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>Case Number</b> </div> |

In 1, check the reasons you are asking to file by mail, in person, or by other means. You should check all that apply.

You are exempt from e-filing and you do not need to file this *Certification* if:

- you are in jail or prison;
- you are filing a will;
- you are filing into a juvenile case; OR
- your disability prevents you from e-filing.

Under the Code of Civil Procedure, [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#), making a statement on this form that you know to be false is perjury, a Class 3 Felony.

After you finish this form, sign and print your name.

Enter your complete address, telephone number, and email address, if you have one.

**1. I am not able to e-file documents in this case for the following reasons** *(check all that apply)* :

- ☐ I am representing myself and do not have the Internet or a computer in my home. My only access is through a public terminal at a courthouse, library, or other location. This poses a financial or other hardship.
- ☐ I am representing myself and have trouble reading, writing, or speaking in English.
- ☐ I am filing a document in a sensitive case, such as a petition for an order of protection or a civil no contact/stalking order.
- ☐ I tried to e-file my documents, but I was unable to complete the process because the equipment or assistance I need is not available.

**2. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 9(c)(5) allows for an exemption from e-filing for good cause. For the above reasons, I need a good cause exemption from e-filing for my entire case or until I am able to e-file.**

**I certify that everything in the *Certification for Exemption from E-filing* is true and correct. I understand that making a false statement on this form is perjury and has penalties by law under [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#).**

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*Your Signature*

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*Street Address*

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*Print Your Name*

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*City, State, ZIP*

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**GETTING COURT DOCUMENTS BY EMAIL:** You should use an email account that you do not share with anyone else and that you check every day. If you do not check your email every day, you may miss important information, notice of court dates, or documents from other parties.