

# Illinois Freedom of Information Requests (FOIA)

5 ILCS 140/1 et. Seq.

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*Copley Press v. Administrative Office of the Courts* (271 Ill App 3d 548, 648 N.E.2d 324, 207 Ill Dec 868) exempts the Judiciary from response to FOIA requests. As the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center is under the auspices of the Judiciary, it is deemed exempt from FOIA requests. Too, not being supported through tax revenue, the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center does not fall under the strict definition of “public body” as used in the Act. Problems may arise if the latter defense is used as to minimal mingling of Judicial funds, which may be construed as the library expending tax revenue.

As a matter of professional courtesy and positive public relations, partial if not full compliance with required written FOIA requests is encouraged, though not required.

By our sheer being as a library, the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center represents the ideal of freedom of information to all, and promotes as well as follows the ethical standards and codes of the American Association of Law Libraries and the American Library Association Bill of Rights.