A GUIDE TO REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN COURT

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REPRESENTING YOURSELF



When you represent yourself in a lawsuit, you are considered to be acting "pro se" and as such you will be acting as your own attorney. Representing yourself comes with the responsibility of educating yourself. You will need to educate yourself on the "substantive law" which is the law governing the core of your dispute before the court.

There are several layers of court systems. Municipal courts have limited jurisdiction and largely hear cases involving violations of local city laws or ordinances. The Law Library has a "Guide to Representing Yourself in Municipal Court" in its catalog (https://stllawlib.bywatersolutions.com/). State courts have a broader jurisdiction addressing issues that involve the interpretation of state laws. The federal court system has jurisdiction over cases involving federal laws or the U.S. Constitution, or where the U.S. is a party.

You will also be expected to know and follow procedural law and the rules of the court. Therefore, at a minimum, if you will appear in a Missouri State court you should review the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure and the local court rules. For example, if your case is in the City of St. Louis, you would review the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit Court Local Rules. Failing to follow the rules of court may result in a loss of important rights in your court case.

All of your requests to the court should be made in a written motion filed with the court. You must send a copy of every motion or pleading that you file to the opposing attorney, or to the opposing party, if they are not represented.

You cannot seek legal advice from court staff. Neither the judge, opposing counsel, nor any courtroom staff (including the court clerk) can give you legal advice. The staff in the Clerk's Office, as well as the judge's own courtroom clerk, may be able to assist you with questions about courtroom procedure and rules.

You can find court personnel through the Office of State Court Administrator's website (https://www.courts.mo.gov/#findacourt) and they can help you with non-legal information.

You are not allowed to have "ex parte" communication with the judge. This means you may only communicate with the judge when all parties and/or their attorneys, if represented, are present. You may not try to communicate with the judge privately in any form (this includes emails, phone calls, voicemails, letters, or in-person conversations).

The clerk of the court will notify you by mail of hearings and filings by the other parties to the case. Therefore, you must provide the Court with a reliable mailing address and phone number. If you move without updating your address with the court, you may not get notice of filings or hearings, which could result in the loss of important rights in your case.

Upon receiving a notice of a scheduled hearing or trial, you must be ready to present your evidence and witnesses in person on that scheduled date. At the hearing or trial, each party will have a chance to tell the judge their side of the issue before the court. You need to bring your paperwork and evidence (including photos, witnesses, bills, receipts, contracts, etc.) that will prove your case. If you fail to appear, the judge could decide the case without you.

In certain types of cases, you or the opposing party may be entitled to request a jury trial. Even where eligible for a jury trial, you may need to request a trial by jury in writing in advance of the trial date. If your case goes to trial by jury, you will have to go through the process of selecting jurors. This process is called "voir dire." The purpose of voir dire is to make sure that no member of the jury has a bias that could jeopardize the outcome of the case. You will have an opportunity to challenge potential jurors who may have a bias during the voir dire process.

In preparation for your hearing or trial, you can attend court and watch other cases. This will allow you to see how the judge runs the courtroom, where all of the parties sit, and the order of the trial. Plan to do this several weeks before your court date. Create a trial folder to keep yourself organized. It should include things like pleadings, evidence, applicable law, and an outline of your case for your trial.

Day of Trial Tips

How to dress: Dressing professionally shows respect for the legal process and the judge. Therefore, dress neatly and cleanly, as if you were going to a job interview. Please do not wear casual clothing, such as shorts, tank tops, sandals, or hats. A judge can remove you from the courtroom for inappropriate dress which could result in a default or dismissal of your case.

Courthouse Security: Be aware that most courthouses in the state of Missouri have security guards and security procedures when you enter the building. Do not bring any weapons or sharp objects that could be used as weapons as they will be taken away from you before you can enter the building.

Timeliness: Plan to arrive at the courthouse early, at least 30 minutes ahead of time, to allow for time to find and pay for parking, go through security, and locate the correct courtroom. Your witnesses also need to be on time.

Behavior in the Courtroom:

- Be respectful of all parties in the courtroom, and do not interrupt anyone in the courtroom (this includes the judge, the attorneys, the opposing parties, or any of the courtroom staff).
- Stand up when speaking to the judge and call the judge “Your Honor.”
- Stay calm and speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the judge.
- Do not speak with others in the courtroom audience while the court is in session.
- Turn off your cell phone or any other audible devices while you are in the courtroom.
- Enter and leave the courtroom quietly.
- Do not eat, drink, or chew gum or tobacco.
- Do not bring children to court unless they have been subpoenaed.

Behavior violating any of the above guidelines could result in the loss of rights in your court case and the judge could file sanctions against you.

FREE & REDUCED-COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN MISSOURI

Please note that these agencies cannot guarantee that they will represent you. Each has an intake process to determine if you qualify as a potential client.

American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri
314-652-3111 aclu-mo.org 906 Olive St., Suite 1130, St. Louis, MO 63101
The ACLU of Missouri is a public-interest law firm that principally addresses issues arising only in Missouri that involve challenges to a government law, policy, or practice affecting the constitutional rights, meaning the civil liberties and civil rights, of a significant number of people.
Walk-ins are prohibited. To apply for services, complete the online form at:
https://www.aclu-mo.org/en/legal-help

Arch City Defenders
314-361-8834 or 855-724-2489 archcitydefenders.org 440 N. 4th St., Ste 390, St. Louis MO 63102
Provides legal services to low-income clients in these areas: criminal matters, traffic cases, municipal ordinance violations, landlord-tenant, conditions of confinement, police brutality, and expungement.
Online applications for service are available on the website; if your case is selected you will receive legal representation free of charge.
Primarily serves those in the metropolitan St. Louis region, including parts of Eastern Missouri and Metro East Illinois.

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

- Federal Court Legal Advice Clinic: This clinic is located at the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse in St. Louis. It provides pro se individuals an opportunity to meet with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation to get answers to legal questions about filing a civil case in the federal district court. To schedule a consultation, go to https://www.bamsl.org/?pg=DistrictCourtPSAP or call 1-855-978-7070.
- St. Louis Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Program: This is a free legal clinic designed to help individuals without an attorney get answers to legal questions about bankruptcy, including how bankruptcy may be used to help prevent foreclosure. The program provides self-represented debtors an opportunity to meet with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation. To schedule a consultation, go to https://www.bamsl.org/?pg=BankruptcyAssistanceProject or call 1-844-758-4059.

Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry/St. Francis Community Services
314-977-3993 sfcsstl.org 100 N. Tucker, St. Louis MO 63101
Provides legal assistance in these areas: immigration law, veterans advocacy, family and guardianship law, housing law, and municipal law cases. It is a service of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Catholic Charities, but serves clients regardless of religion.
Clients must be 150% at or below the poverty line; no attorney fees charged if your case is accepted.

Serves those who have a case in or live in these Missouri counties: Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Perry, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis County, Ste. Genevieve, Warren, and Washington.
Multi-lingual services, including Spanish, Hebrew, French, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole and more.

Crime Victim Support Center
314-664-6699 supportvictims.org 539 N. Grand Blvd, Suite 400, St. Louis MO 63103
Provides help for people dealing with legal issues related to domestic abuse.
Serves victims of abuse in the following Missouri counties: Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, Warren, Franklin, St. Louis, and St. Louis City.
Services are free, but a person requesting free legal representation must complete an intake form, which is reviewed to determine eligibility.

Fathers & Families Support Center
314-333-4170 fatherssupportcenter.org 1601 Olive Street, St. Louis MO 63103
Provides free and reduced fee legal services on family law matters. Must first enroll and complete its Family Formation Program. This agency primarily assists fathers and children but may be able to help mothers in certain circumstances.
Geographic reach includes St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center
314-231-4181 greatriverslaw.org 319 N. 4th Street, Ste. 800 St. Louis MO 63102
A public interest law firm that focuses on the environment and public health; offers free legal services to certain clients (individuals, groups, and organizations) who want to explore legal solutions to environmental problems. Cases accepted where a broad public interest is involved and the client's financial interest in the outcome is insufficient to justify retention of a private law firm.
Geographic reach includes all of Missouri and the Illinois Metro East area.

Lambda Legal
312-663-4413 lambdalegal.org Midwest Regional Office: 65 E. Wacker Place, Suite 2000, Chicago IL 60601-7245
Provides a Help Desk that can communicate general legal information and resources relating to discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, and HIV status.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
314-534-4200 or 800-444-0514; lsem.org 701 Market St., Suite 1100, St. Louis MO 63101
Provides legal representation in civil legal matters, including civil issues impacting housing, family law, public benefits, consumer fraud, healthcare, children's well-being, special education, and relief from domestic violence.
Representation is free of charge to low-income clients (must be at 0 to 200 % of poverty line in most cases).
Serves those living in one of the following counties of Eastern Missouri: Adair, Clark, Franklin, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Warren, and Washington.
Provides free interpreter services for those who are non-English speaking upon request.

MacArthur Justice Center
314-254-8540; macarthurjustice.org 906 Olive St., St. Louis MO 63101
A non-profit legal organization that focuses on criminal justice issues, including police abuse, the rights of protestors, and wrongful conviction. Primarily represents those who are incarcerated, but considers applications from those formerly incarcerated who have issues related to their incarceration. Potential clients must reside in, or have a case originating in, Missouri for the Missouri office.
Representation is free if the case is accepted.

MICA Project
314-995-6995 mica-project.org 2650 Cherokee, St. Louis MO 63118
Provides legal and social services assistance to low-income immigrants on immigration-related legal matters. More information on this page of the website: http://www.mica-project.org/potential-clients--clientes-nuevos.html
Free and sliding-scale fees.
Serves those living in Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois.
Services are provided in English and Spanish.

Missouri Attorney General Defenders ago.mo.gov/get-help/defenders/
The Missouri Attorney General's Office DEFENDERS Program (previously known as the Military Legal Assistance Team) works to aid active-duty service members and the military on several different legal issues pro bono.
To be eligible for DEFENDERS services, you must be a service member on active, reserve, or National Guard duty, stationed within the State of Missouri, or a Missouri resident service member stationed outside of the State of Missouri and have a legal issue with jurisdiction and venue in the State of Missouri. Members of the inactive reserves (IRR) are not eligible for DEFENDERS services.
To apply, submit an inquiry at: https://ago.mo.gov/get-help/defenders/submit-an-inquiry/

Missouri Protection and Advocacy Services
800-392-8667 moadvocacy.org 925 S. Country Club Dr., Jefferson City MO 65109
Provides advocacy and legal services to those with disabilities.
Persons seeking assistance must meet certain criteria available on its website at: https://www.moadvocacy.org/who-we-can-help.

New Covenant Legal Services
314-726-6489 newcovenantlegalservices.org 4236 Lindell Blvd, Suite 201, St. Louis MO 63108
Provides legal services to individuals on fixed and limited incomes who cannot afford private legal counsel focusing on the following types of cases: Consumer Fraud, Debt Collection Actions, Ex-Offender Rights/Services, Expungements, Landlord/Tenant Issues, Lemon Cars, Payday Loans, and Racial or Religious Discrimination.
New Covenant charges a fee based on what the client can pay. New Covenant lists its eligibility criteria on its website at https://newcovenantlegalservices.org/faqs/
To be eligible, clients must live in the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County.

St. Louis Public Library
314-241-2288 slpl.org 1301 Olive St., St. Louis MO 63103
Third Thursday of the month from 9:00 am–12:00 pm representatives from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri will be available to provide free advice and resources.

St. Louis Survivors Legal Support
314-NOW-STOP (314-669-7867) slsls.org 2545 S. Hanley Rd. St. Louis MO 63144
Provides free legal representation at order of protection hearings. Assists those who cannot access legal representation. Serves residents of St. Louis County only at this time.

Saint Louis University School of Law, Legal Clinics

- **Children's Permanency Clinic:** This clinic provides assistance in the areas of child and family law. Clients are assisted with orders of protection, custody, delinquency and other family law matters. Potential clients are selected on a case-by-case basis. Potential clients can call 314-977-2778, the main SLU Legal Clinics Line, and they will be directed from there.
- **Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic:** This clinic provides transactional representation to entrepreneurs, nonprofits, community groups, and small businesses. To learn more and to apply to become a potential client, go to https://www.slu.edu/law/experiential-learning/legal-clinics/entrepreneurship-client-info.php
- **Human Rights at Home Litigation Clinic:** This clinic focuses on securing fundamental human rights for the most vulnerable persons in the U.S. Potential clients facing human rights issues may receive assistance with legal questions. The clinic also potentially provides representation in court and other proceedings. Potential clients can call 314-977-2778, the main SLU Legal Clinics line, and they will be directed from there.

Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts
314-863-6930 vlaa.org 3301 Washington St., Suite 2E, St. Louis MO 63103
Provides legal assistance and advocacy for those in the visual/performing arts. To receive pro bono services, clients must meet its low-income or nonprofit operating budget guidelines. See guidelines here: https://1np.1f2.myftpupload.com/get-help/legal-accounting-services/
To be eligible clients must live in Eastern Missouri or Southern Illinois.
Offers interpreter services for non-English speaking and hearing-impaired applicants upon request.

Washington University School of Law Clinics
Several of the law clinics run by Washington University School of Law take direct inquiries from potential clients. Listed below are the current clinics that accept inquiries and that might potentially provide legal representation. Each clinic has different criteria and application processes.

- **Entrepreneurship Clinic**: The clinic handles a wide variety of matters for start-up and small businesses and non-profit organizations focusing on business/transactional matters, including forming business entities and assisting with tax structure, drafting documents governing the organization's operations, and drafting and negotiating commercial agreements. The clinic only accepts clients if they cannot otherwise afford legal representation using available sources of funding (e.g., personal incomes, organizational revenue, investor contributions, etc.). The clinic also uses a variety of other criteria when accepting clients. To apply go to https://law.wustl.edu/entrepreneurship-clinic-prospective-clients/.

- **First Amendment Clinic:** The clinic provides legal assistance to organizations, students, journalists, and citizens defending and advancing First Amendment protection of freedom of speech, press, and assembly. The clinic focuses primarily on local and regional issues, rather than national, and on direct representation of parties in litigation and pre-litigation matters. For more information, please go to https://firstamendment.wustl.edu/request/.
- **Intellectual Property Clinic**: This clinic provides legal services on a pro bono basis in the areas of copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret, and right of publicity matters. To inquire about receiving legal services from this clinic, please send an e-mail to the clinic's director, Salvatore Gianino, at sgianino@wustl.edu. Please describe in your e-mail the nature of the services sought (e.g., copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret, and/or right of publicity services). Please note that sending an e-mail to the clinic's director to inquire about potentially receiving legal services from the clinic does not automatically make you (or any other person or organization) a client of the clinic. All inquiries are treated as confidential.
- **Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic**: This clinic (IEC) functions as a pro bono law practice handling environmental and community health cases. The IEC tackles some of the most challenging and important water, air, waste, climate change, and environmental justice problems in the region. The IEC works with non-profit organizations and under-represented communities in Missouri and Illinois and in some cases of national scope. Potential clients should call (314) 935-7238.
- **Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic**: This clinic (LITC) helps low-income members of the community resolve their tax disputes with the IRS. All of its services (except filing fees) are completely free of charge. Clinic law students work under the supervision of two experienced tax lawyers to advocate for clients before the IRS. The clinic can help clients respond to IRS audits, including audits of the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credits, file petitions with the U.S. Tax Court, request currently-not-collectable ("CNC") status when clients cannot pay what they owe, prepare an Offer in Compromise ("OIC") to settle debt, and submit an audit reconsideration. The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic does not assist clients with filing tax returns. To qualify for services, your income must fall within certain income limits (depending on household size) and the amount you owe the IRS must be less than $50,000 for any given tax year. For information or to apply please go to: https://law.wustl.edu/academics/clinical-education-program/low-income-taxpayer-clinic/

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American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois
312-201-9740 aclu-il.org 150 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60601
The ACLU of Illinois solely takes cases where the incident occurred in the state of Illinois, or cases involving residents of Illinois. The organization does not provide general legal services; it only litigates cases where there has been a violation of a person's civil rights, primarily by the government. To seek services from the ACLU, go to their intake form here: https://action.aclu.org/legal-intake/il-legal-intake

Equity Legal Services
618-693-9800 equitylegalservices.org
Provides impact litigation for issues related to hazardous environmental conditions/environmental justice. Other areas are considered by staff as capacity allows.
Assistance is free for low-income individuals and diverse communities in vulnerable conditions.
Email teamequity@equitylegalservices.org to be considered for representation.
Serves St. Clair County and surrounding communities.

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314-231-4181 greatriverslaw.org 319 N. 4th Street, Suite 800 St. Louis MO 63102
A public interest law firm that focuses on the environment and public health; offers free legal services to certain clients (individuals, groups, and organizations) who want to explore legal solutions to environmental problems. Cases accepted where a broad public interest is involved and the client's financial interest in the outcome is insufficient to justify the retention of a private law firm.
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Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance - Central Regional Office
618-398-0958 lincolnlegal.org 8787 State Street, Suite 101, East St. Louis IL 62203
Provides legal aid to low-income individuals and seniors in need in the following areas: Consumer Law, Family Law, Education, Law, Elderly Law and Disability Rights, Health and Economic Security, and Housing Law.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance - Central Regional Office (continued)
Clients must meet financial eligibility screening to receive free services.
Serving Illinois residents in Clinton, Fayette, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington Counties.
Interpreters are available upon request.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance - Western Regional Office
618-462-0029 lincolnlegal.org 111 E. Fourth St., Suite 330, Alton IL 62002
Provides legal aid to low-income individuals and seniors in need in the following areas: Consumer Law, Family Law, Education, Law, Elderly Law and Disability Rights, Health and Economic Security, and Housing Law.
Clients must meet financial eligibility screening to receive free services.
Serving residents in Adams, Bond, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Montgomery, Pike, and Schuyler Counties.
Interpreters are available upon request.

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312-503-1271; macarthurjustice.org 375 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60611
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FORMS

MISSOURI FORMS



Missouri Courts
https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=103116

Twenty-first Judicial Circuit (St. Louis County)
https://wp.stlcountycourts.com/forms/

Twenty-second Judicial Circuit (St. Louis City)
https://www.stlcitycircuitcourt.com/index2.html?XMLFile=xml/CourtFormsGeneral.xml

Health care POA and directive:
https://missourilawyershelp.org/legal-topics/durable-power-of-attorney-for-health/

St. Louis County Library
Gale Legal Forms database: https://www.slcl.org/content/gale-legalforms (must have St. Louis County Library Card to access)

Justia Legal Forms
https://forms.justia.com/missouri/

ILLINOIS FORMS

Illinois Courts
https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/documents-and-forms/

Illinois Legal Aid Form Library
https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/form-library

Justia Legal Forms
https://forms.justia.com/illinois/

Madison County Circuit Court
https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/circuit_court/legal_self-help_center/court_forms.php

St. Clair County Circuit Court
https://www.co.st-clair.il.us/departments/circuit-clerk/documents-and-forms

FORMS

Federal Forms

U.S. Federal court forms
https://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/forms

Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
https://www.moeb.uscourts.gov/pro-se-forms

Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
https://www.moed.uscourts.gov/self-represented-litigants-srl

Southern District of Illinois, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
https://www.ilsb.uscourts.gov/forms/all-forms

Southern District of Illinois, U.S. District Court
https://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/Forms.aspx



SELF-HELP RESOURCES

Missouri

Guide to Representing Yourself When Facing Eviction
prosestl.org/housing-guide
This website contains a link to a downloadable guide to representing yourself when facing eviction.

Law Library Association of St. Louis
314-622-4385 llastl.org 10 N. Tucker, 13th Floor, St. Louis MO 63101
The library also has several print and online books to help a person represent themselves in legal matters. Our catalog can be viewed at: https://stllawlib.bywatersolutions.com/
The library's website includes a webpage listing numerous links to other legal resources. Find it at llastl.org/legal-websites

Missouri Courts
https://www.courts.mo.gov
This website provides help to the person representing themselves in family court matters.

Missouri Tenant Help
motenanthelp.org
This website provides online information and forms to those facing eviction or other housing issues.

Office of State Court Administrators
https://www.courts.mo.gov/#findacourt
This website provides a phone directory of courthouse personnel. For example, one can find a court clerk's phone number on this website to find out or confirm non-legal information such as dates and times.

Saint Louis Public Library
314-241-2288 slpl.org
The St. Louis Public Library has numerous print self-help books. It also has the Gale Legal Forms database.

Saint Louis County Library
314-994-3300 slcl.org
The St. Louis County Library system has several self-help print book titles, as well as online databases such as HeinOnline and Gale Legal Forms.

Self-Help Legal Research Guide
https://libraryguides.missouri.edu/c.php?g=28063&p=173032
This guide provides information on navigating the Missouri legal system, tips on how to do legal research, and some resources to help find an attorney.

SELF-HELP RESOURCES

Missouri (continued)

Upsolve
upsolve.org/mo
This website provides information on representing yourself while filing bankruptcy.

Illinois

Illinois Legal Aid - Finding Court Record
illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/how-get-copies-your-court-records
This website shows how to search and find court records online.

Illinois Lawyer Finder
800-922-8757 isba.org/public/illinoislawyerfinder
Search an online directory for a lawyer or call and receive a 30-minute consultation with a lawyer in your area for no more than $25.00.

Illinois Courts
https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/public
The Illinois state court system maintains this website with resources helpful to the public navigating the Illinois court system.

Madison County Legal Self-Help Center
618-296-4472 madisoncountyil.gov/departments/circuit_court/legal_self-help_center 155 N. Main Street, Edwardsville IL 62025
Legal Self-Help Center does not provide legal advice but provides legal forms and access to legal information free of charge to the public.

St. Clair County Legal Self-Help Center
618-825-2634 illinoislegalaid.org/counties/St_Clair 10 Public Square, Belleville IL 62220
Legal Self Help Center does not provide legal advice, but provides legal information to St. Clair County residents about their legal rights and responsibilities, instructions on how to handle common legal problems, assistance with some legal documents and forms, and referrals to free and low-cost legal services.

Upsolve
www.upsolve.org/il
This website provides information on representing yourself while filing bankruptcy.

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Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm



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