

Also, Illinois is entitled to setoff, which means if someone else was also at fault and paid you, Illinois wants to be paid back or will only pay you the rest of the remainder of your damages.

When Is the State of Illinois a Defendant?

Illinois might be a defendant in your case if a state employee caused you harm. The state employs all types of workers, including police officers, doctors, health inspectors, professors, teachers, individuals who manage and care for state property, and many more. You could be hurt by an employee of any Illinois state agency, administration, or branch of the government, including the University of Illinois system.

Examples of entities that are considered a part of the state include but aren't limited to:

- The Medical Center Commission
- The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
- The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University
- The Board of Trustees of Chicago State University
- The Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University
- The Board of Trustees of Governors State University
- The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University
- The Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
- The Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
- The Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University
- The Board of Trustees of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

When you work with our personal injury lawyers in Illinois, we'll thoroughly investigate the negligent party. We'll find out where they work and whether they were on the clock at the time of **your accident**. If they're employed by a part of the Illinois government, we'll evaluate whether we have to bring your case in the Court of Claims or not.