Self-Representation

Self-Help/Information Resources and Centers State Links

**Denotes a virtual self help center.

Alaska

**Family Law Self-Help Center. Alaska Court System. Provides information about divorce, dissolution, custody, paternity, child support, and referral information about adoption, change of name, emancipation and powers of attorney & guardianship.

Arizona

<u>Arizona Self-Service Center Locations</u>. This website provides contact information on 13 different Self-Service Centers in Arizona.

- **Arizona Supreme Court Self Service Center. Arizona Supreme Court. Provides information on divorce, child support, family crisis, landlord/tenant, name change, guardianship, and small claims.
- **Self-Service Center Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. Information and court forms, domestic violence, family law, guardianship, estate, dependency, and small claims tax appeal.

California

**California Courts Self-Help Center. Judicial Council of California. This comprehensive statewide self-help website provides information legal help, small claims, family law, domestic violence, traffic violations, and much more. Information is also available in different languages.

<u>Family Court Facilitators</u>. Judicial Council of California. Locates family law facilitator in each county. A family law facilitator is a lawyer with experience in family law who works for the superior court in your county to help parents and children involved in family law cases with child, spousal, and partner support problems.

Alameda County Wiley W. Manuel Self Help Center

- **Amador County Self-Help Website
- **Butte County Self-Help Website
- **Calaveras County Self-Help Website

Colusa Court Self-Help Information

Contra Costa Virtual Self Help Law Center

Del Norte County Self Help Center

El Dorado County Self Represented Litigants Services

Fresno County: Representing Yourself

Glenn County Self Help Resources

Los Angeles County: Family Law Self Help

Los Angeles County: Probate Self Help

Marin County Legal Self Help Center

Mariposa County Self Help Center

Mendocino Self Help Legal Access Center

Riverside County Online Self Help Resources

San Joaquin County Self Help Resources

San Mateo Self Help Center

Santa Clara County Self Service Center

Santa Cruz County Self Help Center

Sierra County Courts Self Help Links

Siskiyou County Self Help Links

Sonoma County Self Help Access Center

Ventura County Legal Self-Help

Colorado

<u>Colorado Self Help Center</u>. Colorado Judicial Branch. Provides forms and information on family law, small claims, civil law, criminal law, juvenile law, water courts, probate courts, and obtaining a protective order.

**Juvenile Court Information Center. Colorado Judicial Branch, 2nd Judicial District.

Connecticut

**Connecticut Self Help Center. State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. Provides information on child support, court records, crime victim services, traffic court, small claims court, where to file, representing yourself in court, and more.

Delaware

**Self Help Center. Delaware State Courts. Provides information and directions on filing as a pro se litigant. It also links to legal assistance and the on-site self help center.

District of Columbia

Pro-Se-Plus Custody Clinic.

Pro-Se-Plus Divorce Clinic.

Representing Yourself. District of Columbia Courts.

<u>Family Court Self Help Center</u>. District of Columbia Superior Court.

<u>Pro Se Help</u>. U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia. Provides information on filing for bankruptcy.

Florida

<u>Legal Information Center</u>. Bay Area Legal Services provides information to people who are representing themselves in family law, landlord/tenant, or small claims cases in Hillsborough County.

<u>Florida State Courts Self Help</u>. Florida State Courts website. Self-Help programs are identified in 16 counties.

**Resource Center for Pro Se Litigants. Ninth Judicial Circuit. Provides some Internet resources such as administrative orders and court forms, as well as providing information on the pro se resources located in the courthouse.

<u>Family Court Self-Help</u>. Eighth Judicial Circuit. Provides information and forms for filing a divorce in Florida, filing a paternity case, modification of a divorce or paternity case, enforcement of a divorce or paternity order of final judgment, temporary custody of a child by an extended family member, and changing a name.

Georgia

<u>Georgia Self Help Resources</u>. Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts. Provides court rules, forms, a glossary, and more to help Pro Se litigants.

<u>Dougherty County Law Library Self Help</u>. The county law librarian offers informal self help assistance to self represented litigants.

Hawaii

<u>Hawaii Self Help Resources</u>. Hawaii State Judiciary. Provides court forms and information on divorce, small claims, landlord/tenant claims, traffic cases, protective orders, juvenile cases, and general claims. Also gives tips on going to court and getting legal advice.

Idaho

**Court Assistance Office. Idaho Supreme Court. Clearinghouse to access legal services and other resources for those involved in family law cases and other civil (non-criminal) court matters.

Ada County Court Assistance Office.

Indiana

<u>Self-Service Legal Center</u>. Indiana Supreme Court. Provides court forms, information on ADR and mediation, information on obtaining legal assistance, and a description of the Indiana Pro Se Project.

Iowa

<u>Judicial Branch FAQ</u>. Iowa Judicial Branch. Frequently Asked Questions on the Iowa court system and procedures including an area on representing yourself which answers questions on filing and answering a petition and small claims.

Louisiana

<u>Pro Se Manual</u>. State of Louisiana. Assist non-attorneys with the basic procedural steps which must be followed when filing an appeal or a supervisory writ application with the Third Circuit Court of Appeal.

Maine

A Citizen's Guide to the Courts. State of Maine Judicial Branch. Describes the types of cases heard in court, what the judicial process is and how it works, how a trial proceeds, and the way in which the Maine courts are organized.

<u>Representing Yourself Resource Center</u>. State of Maine Judicial Branch. Provides information on small claims cases, family law cases, criminal and juvenile cases, and how to get legal help.

HelpMELaw.org. Maine Legal Help Resources.

Maryland

**Maryland People's Law Library. Self-Help information for pro se litigants.

<u>Self Help Center</u>. Maryland Judiciary. Provides answers to FAQs and other basic pro se information. Links to other self help organizations.

Pro Se Assistance. The Maryland Department of Family Administration.

Baltimore County Pro Se Office.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service.

Massachusetts

<u>Self Help Center</u>. Massachusetts Court System. Provides information on filing fees, obtaining legal assistance, ADR, child support guidelines, jurisdiction, court procedures, and more.

<u>Plymouth County Probate and Family Court Self-Help Center</u>. This website provides legal assistance and various guides to assist pro se litigants in their family or probate court case.

Michigan

<u>Self Help</u>. Washtenaw County Trial Court. Provides information on dispute resolution centers, packets of forms, and indigent services.

<u>Procedures of the Court & Domestic Relations</u>. Midland County Friends of the Court. Provides procedural information for filing a domestic relations action.

Washtenau County EMU Legal Resource Center.

Minnesota

<u>Self Help Center</u>. Minnesota Judicial Branch. Hennepin County (4th <u>Judicial District Court</u>) operates a full-service court-based self help center. <u>Dakota County</u> also provides self-help services.

Montana

<u>Self-Help Information</u>. State Bar of Montana. Provides information on bankruptcy, the bill of rights, dispute resolution, divorce, estate planning, lawyer fees, small claims court, traffic accidents, and wills.

The Montana State Law Library provides self help assistance.

Nebraska

<u>A Guide to Small Claims Court</u>. Nebraska Court System. General information about small claims court.

<u>A Guide to the Court System</u>. Nebraska Court System. General information about the makeup of the Nebraska Judicial System.

<u>Self Help Online Center</u>. Provides forms as well as links to Nebraska State Bar Association Legal Resources.

Nevada

Nevada Legal Resource Directory. Washoe County Law Library.

<u>Family Law Self-Help Center</u>. Clark County District Court. Provides information on the Clark County Family Law Self Help Center.

Family Court Self-Help Center. Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County

New Hampshire

**The New Hampshire Judicial Branch Self Help Center.

New Jersey

<u>Legal Resource Room</u>. New Jersey Judiciary. Provides information on child support guidelines, civil juries, collecting on a money judgment, criminal juries, landlord/tenant claims, legal citation, rules of court, rules of professional conduct, small claims information, and more.

<u>Help for Self-Represented Litigants</u>. New Jersey Judiciary. Provide information packets on civil matters, family matters, guardianship, and appeals.

New Mexico

<u>Pro Se</u>. Fifth Judicial District Court, Carlsbad. Provides information on representing yourself in court, divorce and child support, and links to court forms.

<u>Pro Se Page</u>. First Judicial District Court, Santa Fe. Provides information on representing yourself in court and has links to downloadable court forms.

**Family Law Self Representation Website. New Mexico State Judiciary. Provides information and court forms in English and Spanish on child support cases and domestic violence cases.

New York

Family Court Information Center. State of New York. Provides forms and procedural advice.

North Carolina

**SelfServe Center. 26th Judicial District of North Carolina. Contains information for people who wish to represent themselves in family law matters.

North Dakota

North Dakota Supreme Court Website Guides. North Dakota Supreme Court. Provides guides containing information on the North Dakota Supreme Court Website, the North Dakota Judicial System, and small claims court. Also has a glossary, links to the juror's handbook, and frequently asked questions.

Ohio

<u>Pro Se Litigant Information Sheet</u>. Delaware County Municipal Court. Provides information on criminal/traffic cases and civil cases.

Oregon

<u>Self Help Center</u>. Oregon State Courts. Provides information on family law, small claims, court proceedings and structure, and how to obtain legal advice.

Pennsylvania

**Court Self Help Center. Lancaster County, Court of Common Pleas

Rhode Island

Know Your Courts. Rhode Island Judiciary. Introduction to Rhode Island court system.

<u>Small Claims Help</u>. Rhode Island Judiciary. Forms and procedural advice about small claims.

South Carolina

Self-Help FAQs. South Carolina Appeals

South Dakota

Small Claims Procedure. South Dakota United Judicial System

Tennessee

**Self Help Center. Tennessee Judiciary. Provides information on obtaining a lawyer, filing a complaint, child support, child abuse, and obtaining an order of protection.

Texas

<u>Fort Bend County Legal Self-Help Resources</u>. Provides forms and other relevant publications.

Texas Law Help. Provides legal information for self represented litigants.

Travis County Law Library. Provides assistance to self represented litigants.

Utah

<u>How to....</u>. Utah State Courts. Resources on how to obtain a protective order, file for divorce, represent yourself, and more.

<u>On-Line Court Assistance Program</u>. Utah State Courts. On-line assistance for preparing court documents for uncontested divorce, landlord/tenant cases, and obtaining an order of protection.

Pro Se Guide to Appeals Procedures. Utah Supreme Court.

Procedures for Filing Writ of Certiorari. Utah Supreme Court.

Vermont

<u>Self Service Center</u>. Vermont Supreme Court. Provides court information pamphlets on a variety of topics, a court calendar, court forms, information on court fees, and information on how to obtain legal advice.

<u>Pro Se Education Classes</u>. Vermont Judiciary. A mandatory class for all pro se litigants but also free to the public

Virginia

<u>Family Abuse Self Help</u>. Virginia Judiciary. Provides virtual assistance with family abuse protection orders. The site provides the I-CAN! On line tutorial.

Small Claims Help. Virginia Judiciary. Small Claims information, forms and procedural advice.

Washington

<u>Self Help Resources</u>. Washington State Courts. Provides resources on adoption, antiharassment, bankruptcy, child custody, child support, divorce, domestic violence, legal assistance, legal separation, landlord/tenant disputes, name changes, probate, spousal maintenance, small claims, wills, and more.

Washington Courts eService Center.

<u>Courthouse Facilitators.</u> Washington State Courts. Provides contact information to court facilitator programs in 34 different counties.

King County Family Law Facilitator Program.

<u>Small Claims Court</u>. King County District Court. Provides information on how to prepare, file, and serve a claim. Also provides information on how to appeal or collect on a judgment.

<u>Procedural Information for Litigants Representing Themselves in Family Law Matters</u>. Superior Court of Spokane County.

Small Claims Information. Yakima County District Court.

West Virginia

<u>Self-Help Center</u>. The West Virginia Court System. Provides information on representing yourself in court, court rules, and answers frequently asked questions.

Wisconsin

**Self-Help Center. Wisconsin State Court System. Includes guides, forms, and directories.

Dane County Legal Resource Center.

<u>Family Court Self-Help.</u> Waukesha County Family Court. Provides procedural information, legal assistance, forms and instructions, and community resources. A 2003 winner of the Justice Served top 10 court website awards.