

U.S. District Court Hibbler Memorial *Pro Se* Assistance Program

The *Pro Se* Assistance Program is staffed by attorneys from LAF as well as volunteer attorneys, in cooperation with the District Court, with special funding from the Chicago Bar Foundation. It serves *pro se* litigants in civil cases filed or to be filed in the federal court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern and Western Divisions. A Program attorney is available to provide you with limited legal assistance with your case.

The Program attorney *will*:

- Assist you by providing information about federal court procedure and the law as it applies to the facts as you describe them;
- Explain the status of your case;
- Assist you in understanding and in helping you to prepare certain of your own pleadings, motions, or other court documents;
- Assist you in accessing other sources of information about your legal issues;
- Refer you, in appropriate cases, to other providers of civil legal services or to social service agencies; and
- Keep any personal information you provide confidential, unless you agree in writing to its disclosure.

The Program attorney *will not*:

- Appear on your behalf in court;
- Research or write court documents for you;
- Conduct any investigation into the facts of your case;
- Communicate with your opponent or your opponent's attorney;
- File, serve, or mail anything on your behalf;
- Assist you if you are currently incarcerated, or
- Assist you with a criminal case.

The Program attorney may decline to assist you after interviewing you if:

- The Program attorney already has given advice to your opponent;
- Your legal problem is beyond the scope of the Program; or
- In the Program attorney's view, giving legal advice conflicts with any provision of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Program operates by appointment and in-person only (Western Division litigants may appear via video conference from the Rockford courthouse).

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for an appointment.

If you have any issues/problems signing up please contact (312) 435-5691.