

Assistance for Self-Represented Court Defendants

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HELP FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

Below are several sources of information for persons who do not have a lawyer. The information is not legal advice and does not take the place of talking to a lawyer.

- **Texas Law Help** - Information about different areas of the law for people who are handling their own simple civil legal matter. It also has a Chat service that allows the user to chat with someone who can help.
- **Texas Court Help** - Videos and other information in English and Spanish about going through the court system, including information about how to find a lawyer, where to find forms, and how to get ready to go to court.
- **Texas State Law Library Consumer & Self-Help Information** - The State Law Library web site has **Self-Help** information, forms, and links. Its **Ask a Librarian** feature allows users to get legal information from a librarian by email.
- **Texas Appleseed** - Information about debt collection rights in Texas. The website includes forms for responding to a debt collection lawsuit.

The forms below are available in the **Family** section of our **Forms** page.

- **Protective Order Kit**
- **Supreme Court Approved Divorce Forms** - The uniform forms were approved for use in uncontested divorces that do not involve children or real property. Use of the forms is not required; however, a trial court must not refuse to accept any of the proposed forms simply because the applicant used forms or is not represented by counsel.

Important: It is always best to have a **lawyer**. The law and court proceedings are complicated, and lawyers have legal training. A lawyer can help you understand your rights and options and help get the best result possible in your case. Sometimes even simple matters can have consequences that you are not aware of or do not understand.

You are legally entitled to this information under 51.808 Subchapter I, Chapter 51, Government Code. Ask the Court Clerk for a copy of this page.