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## COLORADO APPELLATE COURTS SELF-HELP CENTER



### UNDERSTANDING YOUR LEGAL OPTIONS AS A SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT

If you are representing yourself in court without an attorney, it's important to understand your options and how to navigate the legal system in the State of Colorado. This information is to help you make informed decisions and manage your case effectively.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD OR GET AN ATTORNEY TO HELP

If you must represent yourself, there are steps you can take to improve your chances in court:

1. Research the law and procedures relevant to your case by visiting your local library or Colorado Supreme Court Library.
2. Seek free or low-cost legal aid from legal aid organizations, law school clinics, or pro bono programs such as the Colorado Bar Association's Monthly Civil Appeals Clinic.
3. Use court-provided resources from [coloradojudicial.gov](http://coloradojudicial.gov), clerk's offices, self-help centers, and Colorado Judicial Learning Center.
4. Consult attorneys for limited or unbundled services, such as advice or document review.
5. Stay organized, keep track of deadlines, and present your case clearly in court by contacting the clerk's offices or self-help centers for the status of your case(s).

### RESOURCES FOR SELF-HELP

The Colorado Appellate Courts Self-Help Center provides information such as general procedures, forms, court rules, and the status of your pending case in the Colorado Court of Appeals and Colorado Supreme Court. We can assist in civil matters only. We can provide information by e-mail, mail, or in-person. If you need information in-person, please contact our office to set an appointment or arrange to pick up materials at the appropriate clerk's office.