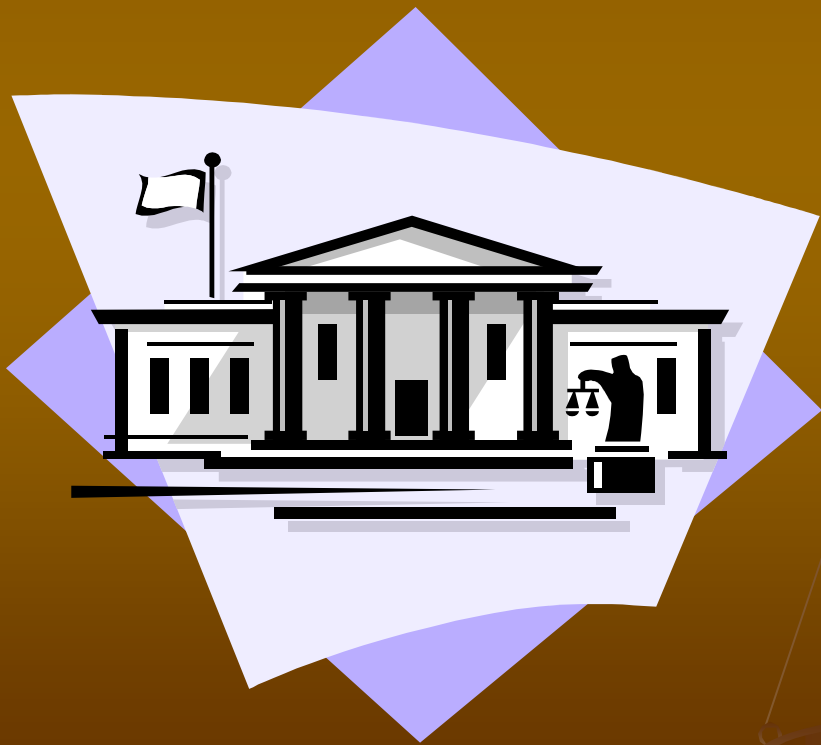


Representing Yourself in Court:

Introduction





Hi, I'm Ericka. I'll be your guide as we discuss how to represent yourself in court.

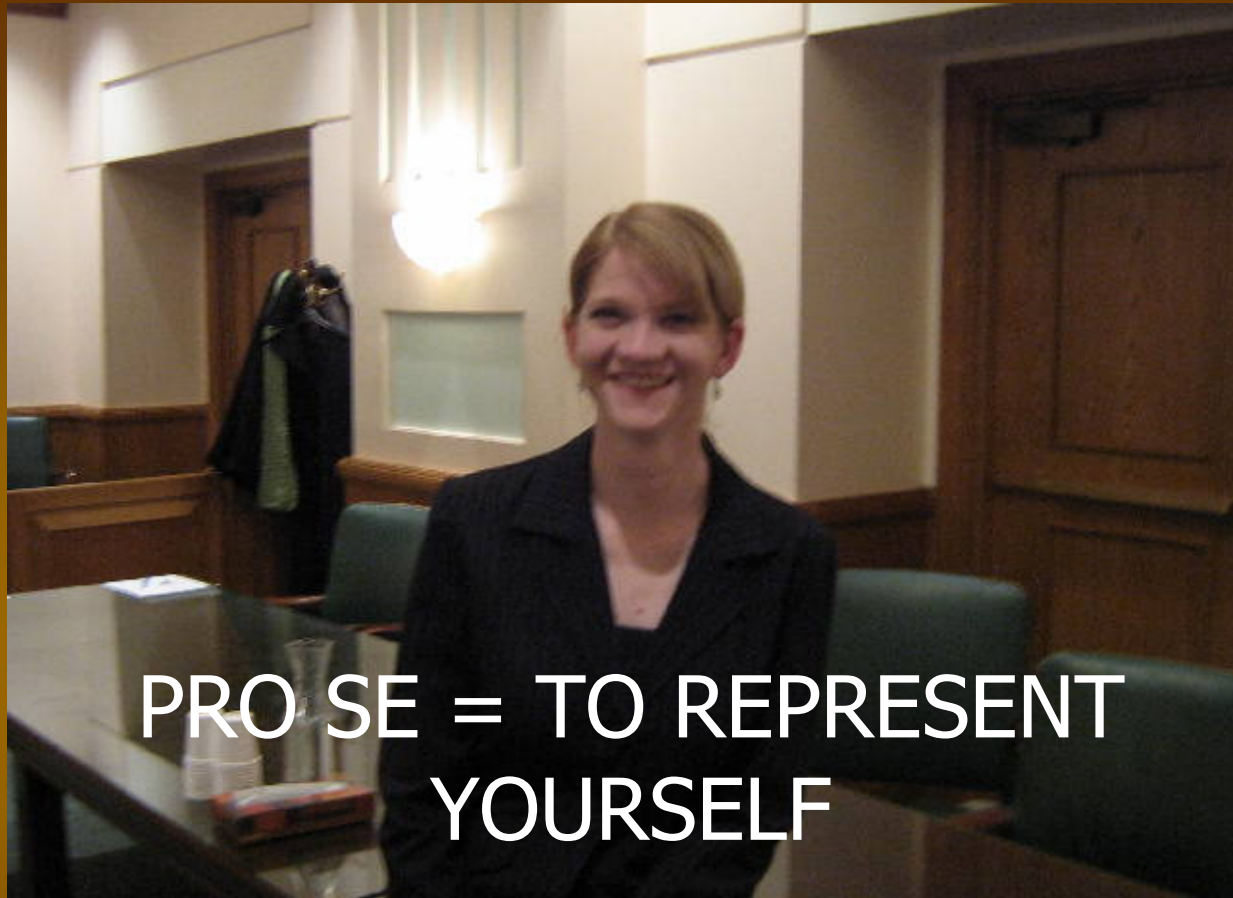


This series will give you information on basic legal issues. However, it does not cover all of the many rules that are a part of our legal system.



There are many resources that you can use to learn more. Some of these will be covered in Chapter 9.





Most people who go to court are represented by a lawyer. Sometimes people represent themselves. This is called *pro se* (pronounced "pro say"), which means to represent yourself.

Representing yourself in court is not easy. There are many rules and laws that you need to know. Think seriously about getting help from an attorney.



A lawyer can help you prepare for your case...



or actually represent you in the courtroom.



This series is divided into 9 chapters. Each chapter will take about 3 to 5 minutes to go through. You can do them together or separately. The chapters include:

Chapter 9

1. Practical Preparation
2. The Courthouse
3. The Courtroom
4. Your Case is Called
5. Presenting Your Case
6. Evidence: Witnesses
7. Evidence: Documents
8. Evidence: Hearsay
9. Legal Resources





This series will better help you understand the legal system. Remember, the more you understand, the better prepared you will be for your day in court.



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You may now proceed to Chapter 1.