
REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN COURT

Below is a **partial listing** of materials available on this topic in the Superior Court Law Library. These listings may be used as a **general starting point** for your research. For more assistance with your research, please speak with an Information or Reference Services staff member.

SELECTED LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES

“In all courts of the United States the parties may plead and conduct their own cases personally or by counsel as, by the rules of such courts, respectively, are permitted to manage and conduct causes therein” ([28 U.S.C.A. 1654](#)).

“The clerk of the superior court and the clerk’s deputies are prohibited from practicing law ... This section does not prohibit the clerk or the clerk’s employees from providing to the public, including litigants, information regarding documents routinely filed with the clerk” ([A.R.S. 12-281E.](#)).

“We acknowledge the limits on service imposed by our institutions and by the duty to avoid the unauthorized practice of law.” ([American Association of Law Libraries, Ethical Principles](#)).

SELECTED BOOKS ABOUT REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN COURT

Aidman, Evan K. *Winning Your Personal Injury Claim*. Sphinx Publishing, 2005. SELF HELP KF 1257 .Z9 A38 2005.

Bergman, Paul. *Represent Yourself in Court: How to Prepare and Try a Winning Case*. Nolo, 2008. SELF HELP KF 8841 .B47 2008.

Bergman, Paul and Albert Moore. *Nolo’s Deposition Handbook*. Nolo, 2007. SELF HELP KF 8900 .B44 2007.

Brown, David W. *Beat Your Ticket: Go to Court & Win*. Nolo, 2007. SELF HELP KF 2232 .B76 2007.

Elias, Stephen, and Susan Levinkind. *Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law*. Nolo, 2009. SELF HELP KF 240 .E35 2009.

Englander, Marilyn Jean and Curtis E. A. Karnow. *How the Courts Work: A Plain English Explanation of the American Legal System*. Vandeplas, 2008 SELF HELP KF 387 .E54 2008.

Matthews, Joseph L. *How to Win Your Personal Injury Claim*. Nolo, 2009. SELF HELP KF 1257 .Z9 M37 2009.

Warner, Ralph. *Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court*. Nolo, 2008. SELF HELP KF 8769 .W37 2008.

SELECTED LEGAL FORMS

Arizona Legal Forms, volumes 1-10. West Publishing Company, 1998-current. ARIZ KFA 2468 .A75.

AGENCIES, DIRECTORIES, AND WEB RESOURCES

American Bar Association
Consumer's Guide to Legal Help
<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/findlegalhelp/home.cfm>

Arizona Judicial Branch
Appeals Guides for Self-Represented Parties
<http://www.supreme.state.az.us/appellateguide.htm>

Arizona Supreme Court.
Self Service Forms
<http://www.supreme.state.az.us/nav2/selfserv.htm>

Clerk of the Superior Court, Maricopa County
Superior Court Forms
<http://clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/faxondemand/CATALOG.htm>

Self-Service Center, Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County
<http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/Self-ServiceCenter/>

Downtown Justice Center
620 W. Jackson
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Northwest Regional Center
14264 W. Tierra Buena Lane
Surprise, AZ 85374

East Court Building
101 W. Jefferson, 1st Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003

San Tan Regional Court Center
201 E. Chicago St.
Chandler, AZ 85225

Northeast Regional Center
18380 N. 40th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Southeast Regional Facility
222 E. Javelina
Mesa, AZ 85210

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