# Online Resources for Self-Represented Parties Recommended for Inclusion on Clerk of Court and/or County Websites

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#### 1. General Administrative Information

- A. Hours of operation
- B. Map/directions to the courthouse
- C. Parking information, including accessible parking and building entrances
- D. General contact information for clerks, commissioners and judge's staff (as appropriate)

### 2. Special Services

- A. Availability of language assistance (Interpreters)
- B. ADA accommodation information and contact person (if applicable)
- C. Special courts (if available, such as OWI, drug courts, veteran's court, etc.)
- D. Mediation services (if available)

#### 3. Court Forms and Procedures

- A. Filing Fees state or local
  - i) State court website comprehensive fee list: <a href="https://www.wicourts.gov/courts/circuit/filing.htm">https://www.wicourts.gov/courts/circuit/filing.htm</a>
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     OR
  - ii) List of the most frequently-used filing fees. Example at: http://www.co.rock.wi.us/courts-clerk-filing-fees
- B. Link to the State Courts Website self-help center <a href="https://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/index.htm">https://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/index.htm</a>
- C. Link to forms on State Courts website <a href="https://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/index.htm">https://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/index.htm</a>
- D. Local Circuit Court Rules or a link to the State Bar website, which contains the circuit court rules of every county
  - http://www.wisbar.org/directories/courtrules/pages/circuit-court-rules.aspx
- E. Any local forms and instructions, if applicable, for the most common pro se areas, such as divorce and family law, small claims, eviction, domestic abuse injunctions, probate, etc.
- F. Information about eFiling <a href="https://www.wicourts.gov/ecourts/efilecircuit/index.jsp">https://www.wicourts.gov/ecourts/efilecircuit/index.jsp</a>

#### 4. Legal Resources

- A. Dates/times of any courthouse-based legal assistance programs
- B. Information on organizations or services in the community offering assistance to unrepresented litigants and/or link to the Directory of Self-Help Legal Resources in Wisconsin Counties
  - https://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/selfhelp/county.htm
- C. Link to Wisconsin Legal Advice Online, which offers free legal advice on limited topics to eligible individuals www.wilegaladvice.org

D. State Bar of Wisconsin's Lawyer Referral Service, which offers free referrals to attorneys who charge their regular rate

www.wisbar.org/lris

E. Modest Means Panel, which offers free referral to attorneys who charge reduced rates to low-income clients
<a href="https://www.wisbar.org/modestmeans">www.wisbar.org/modestmeans</a>

## 5. Research

- A. Information on how to find case online through CCAP <a href="https://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl">https://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl</a>
- B. Information on how to request from a copy of a court record from the Clerk of Court, including applicable fees
- C. Link to the State Law Library website <a href="http://wilawlibrary.gov/">http://wilawlibrary.gov/</a>