

# Summit: Summit on the Future of Self-Represented Litigation (Chicago 2005)

## Event Details

March 24 - 25, 2015 | 6:30am-6:30pm EDT

The Summit on the Future of Self-Represented Litigation took place on March 24-25, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois. The Summit brought together national leaders in courts, legal aid, and the organized bar with experts in self-help support to review recent progress, chart steps for the next three to five years, and lay the groundwork for additional coordination and advocacy. Participants in the Summit included members of the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Court Administrators, the Legal Services Corporation, the American Judicature Society, the American Bar Association, and judges and staff from courts and access to justice organizations in twenty states. The Summit was funded by the State Justice Institute and organized by the National Center for State Courts.

The following series of papers were prepared for presentation during the Summit to foster discussions around various issues in self-represented litigant advocacy. A full report summarizing the Summit can also be downloaded below.

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*John Greacen*

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*John Greacen*

[Paper 2. Progress to Date and Future Plans: Survey Results Updating SRL Innovation Activities](#)

*Kathleen M. Sampson*

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*Tina Rasnow*

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*Susan Ledray & Deborah Chase*

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*Richard Zorza, Esq.*

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*William Hornsby (with Cynthia Gray, and John Greacen)*

[Paper 7. The Role of Technology in the Access Solution](#)

*Katherine Altoneder, Michael Genz, Michael Hertz, Bonnie Hough, Harry Jacobs,*

*Glenn Rawdon*

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*Michael Hertz & Chief Justice Karla Gray*

[Paper 9. Evaluation of Innovations Designed to Increase Access to Justice for SRLs](#)

*Bonnie Rose Hough*

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