

Resource: Handling Cases Involving Self-Represented Litigants: A Benchguide for Judicial Officers (California 2007; 2019)



This January 2007 (updated April 2019) benchbook to assist judicial officers in the handling of cases involving self-represented litigants is the first of its kind. This benchguide covers the following topics in addition to providing sample scripts:

- Self-rep. litigants: Who are they and what do they face when they come to court?
- Expanding access to the court without compromising neutrality

- California law applicable to a judge's ethical duties in dealing with SRLs
- Solutions for evidentiary Challenges
- Caseflow management
- Courtroom and hearing management
- Settling cases
- Special due process considerations
- Communication tools
- Avoiding unintended bias
- Addressing litigant mental health issues in the courtroom
- Judicial leadership in access to justice

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