

# Where to Find Help if You're Representing Yourself in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado



## Federal Pro Se Clinic

- For non-prisoner pro se parties in civil cases
- Explains Court rules, procedures, and orders
- Explains how to formulate claims and draft papers
- Cannot assist with criminal cases or appeals
- Located next to the Clerk's Office in the Arraj U.S. Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Denver, Colorado 80294
- Call 303-380-8786 or visit <http://www.cobar.org/fpsc>



## Civil Pro Bono Panel / Federal Limited Assistance Program ("FLAP")

- For non-prisoner or prisoner pro se parties in civil cases
- Volunteer lawyers willing to represent people who have limited finances
- Request appointment of counsel by filing a motion in your case
- Appointment of counsel is not guaranteed; case must meet certain criteria
- If granted, volunteer lawyers are available for:
  - General representation for your whole case
  - Limited representation for something specific, like responding to a motion or participating in a settlement conference
  - Certain hearings and conferences before a judge for non-prisoner cases only, through the "FLAP" program available through the Colorado Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division by contacting Jess Ham at (303) 824-5311 or [jham@cobar.org](mailto:jham@cobar.org)
  - Mediation, available by contacting Edward Butler, the District's Legal Officer, at (303) 335-2043 or [edward.butler@cod.uscourts.gov](mailto:edward.butler@cod.uscourts.gov)



## Guides and Forms (Website and Clerk's Office)

- A Guide to Civil Lawsuits in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado: [http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Forms/CivilForms/Civil\\_Lawsuit\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Forms/CivilForms/Civil_Lawsuit_Guide.pdf)
- Pro Se Prisoner Handbook: [http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Forms/CivilForms/Pro\\_Se\\_Prisoner\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/Portals/0/Documents/Forms/CivilForms/Pro_Se_Prisoner_Handbook.pdf)
- Court forms: <http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/CourtOperations/RulesProcedures/Forms.aspx>
- Local Rules: <http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/CourtOperations/RulesProcedures/LocalRules.aspx>