



PRO SE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Pro Se Assistance Program is available on an as needed remote basis. If you are a pro se litigant in need of legal advice, please leave a message at **ONE** of the following numbers. A representative will return your call, conduct an intake and schedule a telephone appointment with a volunteer attorney.

In **Buffalo**, please call (716) 847-0662, ext. 340.

In **Rochester**, please call (585) 295-5709, or you may apply for assistance online at <http://legalhelpprochester.com>.

Cost: FREE for financially eligible clients

Please check the Court's website <https://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/pro-se-assistance-program-0> because there are certain days or periods of time the Program is not open.

What is the Pro Se Assistance Program?

A volunteer attorney provides FREE limited scope legal assistance to people who cannot afford an attorney. The program may assist you if you have already filed a lawsuit, want to file a law suit, or have been sued in the federal U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.*

Will the program give me an attorney to help me in court?

No. The attorney will not go to court with you. The attorney will provide limited scope legal advice during a brief meeting.

What kinds of issues can the Pro Se Assistance Program help me with?

The program may be able to help you with your NON-criminal matter in federal court. The program's volunteer attorney can provide:

- information about federal court procedures and the law as it applies to the facts you provide;
- advice about preparing pleadings, motions, or other court documents;
- advice about discovery and motion practice;
- referrals to other services if appropriate.



*THE PRO SE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS NOT STAFFED OR COORDINATED BY THE US DISTRICT COURT. It is a joint project staffed by the University at Buffalo School of Law, the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (Buffalo), and JustCause (Rochester).