



PRO SE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Pro Se Assistance Program is available to assist financially eligible civil *pro se* litigants who are in need of legal advice on a limited-scope basis in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York. The Program may assist *pro se* litigants who have already filed a civil lawsuit, want to file a civil lawsuit, or have been sued civilly in the Western District of New York.

Buffalo

The Pro Se Assistance Program in Buffalo will be re-opening for in-person consultation on Wednesday, **August 23, 2023**, between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. It had been operating on a remote basis only during the pandemic. It will be open each Wednesday thereafter at that same time through **November 15, 2023**, with plans to reopen again in person in January 2024. If you are a *pro se* litigant in need of legal advice, you may visit the Program in Buffalo at the Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse, 2 Niagara Square, Buffalo, New York in the office located within the public entrance to the Clerk's Office on the Second Floor.

If you cannot visit the Courthouse in Buffalo, you may still obtain assistance by contacting the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project at (716) 847-0662, ext. 340. You can also contact the Program at this number when the Program is not open for in person visits.

We encourage you, if possible, to obtain assistance in person in Buffalo.

Rochester

At this time, the Pro Se Assistance Program in **Rochester** will be operating on a remote basis **only**. If you are a *pro se* litigant in need of legal advice, you may obtain assistance by contacting JustCause at (585) 683-7707. We hope to be able to provide in person consultation at the Rochester Courthouse soon and we will update this website as soon as that occurs.

For further information please refer to the Notices on the Court's website:

<https://www.nywd.uscourts.gov/pro-se-assistance-program-0>.

