

Information for Pro Se Litigants in Justice Court

1. A "Pro Se" litigant (plaintiff or defendant) is one who does not retain a lawyer and appears for himself in court.
2. Unlike Small Claims Court, in JUSTICE COURT you are expected to know and follow the Texas rules, just as an attorney would. These rules include, but are not limited to, the Rules of Evidence, Rule of Civil Procedure, and The Lawyer's Creed.
3. You are prohibited from having any contact with the Judge hearing the case, unless all parties and their attorneys are present. This prohibited communication includes phone calls, letters, messages, faxes, e-mails, and direct or indirect conversations. Formal pleadings, motions and requests for relief, filed with the clerk of the court, are not considered prohibited communication.
4. For every pleading you file with the court, you must send a copy to the opposing party's attorney, or the opposing party if they do not have an attorney.
5. For any Court Setting or Court Order that you obtain, you must give notice to the opposing party's attorney, or the opposing party if they do not have an attorney. You must also file with the clerk of the court a copy of all such notices.
6. The Judge, court clerk, bailiff, or attorney for the opposing party cannot give you legal advice.
7. Violations of any of the above may result in severe sanctions being granted against you.