
California Rules of Court

Rule 3.35

Definition of limited scope representation; application of rules

(a) Definition

“Limited scope representation” is a relationship between an attorney and a person seeking legal services in which they have agreed that the scope of the legal services will be limited to specific tasks that the attorney will perform for the person.



(b) Application

Rules 3.35 through 3.37 apply to limited scope representation in civil cases, except in family law cases. Rules 5.70 and 5.71 apply to limited scope representation in family law cases.

Superior Court of California



County of Orange

Limited Scope Attorney Services

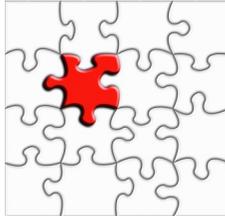
*“Do you need an
Attorney?”*

Information Guide on
Limited Scope Representation

Limited Scope Services

What does “unbundled” or “limited scope services” mean?

“Unbundled services” is a term commonly used to refer to *limited scope representation* offered by attorneys.



An attorney who offers limited scope representation can provide affordable legal assistance by helping you with certain stages of your case, rather than handling your case from start to finish. For example, you can hire the attorney to make a court appearance, or to assist in the preparation of specific documents for your case.

Attorneys can offer unbundled services or limited scope representation in many different areas of law. Please keep in mind that not all attorneys offer limited scope representation.

If you hire an attorney to perform limited scope work, the attorney will be responsible only for that specific segment of work that you have agreed to. The attorney will not be assuming responsibility for handling your case in its entirety. It is your responsibility to make sure that you fully understand what parts of your case the attorney will and will not be responsible for.

What kind of questions should I ask when looking for a limited scope attorney?

This brochure is offered as a general information guide to unbundled services. It is not designed to provide legal advice.



In the event that you are considering hiring an attorney to perform limited scope work, following are a few commonly asked questions which you may find helpful when conducting your search.

Do you offer limited scope representation?

Do you offer a free or low-cost initial consultation?

After I have explained my case to you, will you let me know if you see other issues?

If I hire you to make a court appearance, who will be going to court with me, you or someone else?

What will you require from me in order for you to perform this work?

If you are a native speaker of a language other than English and you feel more comfortable describing your situation in that language, you should ask if the attorney is fluent in that language.

How do I find a lawyer who offers unbundled services?

There are a number of different ways to find a lawyer. You can:



- contact referral services offered through the State Bar of California or through your local bar association. Tell them that you are interested in limited scope representation
- ask for referrals from friends, family members, or co-workers
- do an Internet search for attorneys in your area who practice “limited scope”
- check with the Self-Help Center in your local court

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO FIND A LAWYER TO CONTACT IN YOUR AREA:

State Bar of California

Lawyer Referral Services Program (LRS)
1-866-442-2529 (toll free in California)
1-415-538-2250 (from outside California)
www.ocbar.org
e-mail: LRS@calbar.ca.gov

Orange County Bar Association

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1-415-538-2250 (from outside California)
www.ocbar.org

Self-Help Center in your local court
www.occourts.org