

EVALUATION OF SELF-REPRESENTED ATTORNEY MANUAL

Now that you have completed the briefing in your case, the court would like feedback from your experience. We are, of course, interested in why you decided to represent yourself. Having represented yourself, did you find this manual helpful? Do you have suggestions or ideas to improve it? Would you have used an attorney if one had been available at a reduced fee or for free (pro bono)? Please help us to better help others who in the future wish to represent themselves.

1. I decided to represent myself because (check all that apply):

a. It cost a lot

I didn't have any money to pay an attorney

I could pay the fee, but no attorney would take the case

I would have used an attorney who charged a reduced fee

I would have used a pro bono (no fee) attorney if one had been available

Cost was not a factor in my decision to represent myself.

Other _____

b. I like doing it myself

I thought I could do as well as the average attorney

I thought it would be a challenge

I know others who have done their own legal work

I couldn't find an attorney who would take the case

I didn't want to do it myself but thought my case should be appealed

Other _____

2. I found the manual was helpful not helpful (check the box that applies).

Helpful not helpful - In getting started, filing notice of appeal and getting record prepared

Helpful Not helpful - In requesting continuances or augments

Helpful Not helpful - In determining what issues to raise

Helpful Not helpful - In the format of the brief

Helpful Not helpful - In the substance of the brief

Helpful Not helpful - In electing oral argument

Helpful Not helpful - Sample forms

Helpful Not helpful - Instructions on filling out forms

I found the booklet wasn't written simply enough: yes_____ no_____

3. Other comment or suggestions on how the booklet could be made more useful _____

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