

Unbundling Web Links

ABA Unbundling Resource Center

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/delivery_legal_services/resources.html This is the ABA's resource center maintained by the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services. This is the clearing house for links to a wide variety of materials on unbundling, including documents separately listed here. As each state enacts new rules, and issues new reports, links are added. Note there is a matrix that gathers the resources for the individual states. The latest compilation of state's rules on unbundling is on their site at

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/delivery_legal_services/resources/pro_se_unbundling_resource_center/court_rules.html

A comprehensive list of relevant reports can be found at

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/delivery_legal_services/resources/pro_se_unbundling_resource_center/books_reports.html

UK August 2015 Study on Unbundled Legal Services

A study has very positive comments on the practical impact of limited scope legal services. It can be found at https://research.legalservicesboard.org.uk/wp-content/media/14-086345-01-Unbundling-Report-FINAL_060815.pdf

ABA Delivery Committee White Paper

http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/delivery_legal_services/ls_del_unbundling_white_paper_2014.authcheckdam.pdf The Delivery Committee issued its original White Paper in 2005, updated it in 2009 and has issued a 2014 update. This is the comprehensive summary of state rules on Limited Scope Representation and reflects the accelerating trend across the country to adopt rules designed to facilitate and encourage lawyers to offer limited scope services.

National Center for State Courts

The National Center for State Courts has posted links to limited scope state rules here:

<http://www.ncsc.org/topics/access-and-fairness/self-representation/state-links.aspx?cat=unbundling%20rules> . Check here to get an overview of state rules. Of course, be sure to check your own state's rules for the latest version.

New York Times Op-Ed Piece On January 2, 2010, the New York Times published an Op-Ed piece in favor of unbundling written by Chief Justice Broderick of New Hampshire and Chief Justice George of California. It can be found here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/02/opinion/02broderick.html?ref=opinion>

California Rules of Court California adopted rules of court encouraging limited scope representation in family law cases in July 2003 and has periodically updated them, the most recent change becoming effective September 2017. (Rule 5.425). Similar rules were adopted for civil litigation in January 2007. (Rule 3.35 et. seq) Mandatory court forms were also adopted to accompany the rules. All may be located at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules.htm>

Risk Management Materials The California Commission on Access to Justice has developed a complete set of risk management materials for use in family law limited scope representation, including checklists, best practices, four variations on fee agreements, and the official California court forms. These materials form the basis of the PLI course materials.

PLI Limited Scope Training Practising Law Institute has recorded a free three hour in depth training *Expanding Your Practice Using Limited Scope Representation* which can be found at https://www.pli.edu/Content/OnDemand/Expanding_Your_Practice_Using_Limited_Scope/_N-4nZ1z0zxrn?Ns=sort_date%7c1&ID=338205 It includes ethics, malpractice issues, practical examples and a the full set of Risk Management Materials, including four sample fee agreements, intake information, office forms, and best practices. Though focused on family law, where the demand is greatest, it can be modified for any area of civil practice where individual litigants interact with the courts and administrative processes. CLE credit is available in most states.

California Judicial Council Website

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/52.htm#limited>

This is the link to a wealth of unbundling materials on the California Judicial Council website. It has direct links to both the family law and civil risk management materials,, the Ethics Primer listed below, limited scope court forms, as well as the **Report of the Limited Representation Committee of the California Commission on Access to Justice (2001)** many more resources.

Ethics Primer The California State Bar’s Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct has posted an Ethics Primer on Limited Scope Representation at

http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/ethics/Publications/EthicsHotliner/Ethics_Hotliner-Limited_Scope_Rep-Fall_04.pdf

Stephanie Kimbro “Unbundling and the Future of Delivery of Legal Services” This lecture at Stanford Law School on May 2, 2012 provides provocative insights into the confluence of limited scope representation and the larger picture of the evolution of legal services delivery.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyhYXO-c5HE>

California Law Review Article This 2010 article details California’s response to the crisis of self-represented litigants in California. <http://www.californialawreview.org/articles/self-represented-litigants-in-family-law-the-response-of-california-s-courts>

Los Angeles County Ethics Opinion <http://www.lacba.org> This is the Los Angeles County Bar web site. Look for **Ethics opinion 502**. It is the only California opinion, and was very thoughtfully written by some ethics and malpractice experts.

Webinar and Resource Library <http://www.selfhelpsupport.org> This library contains a wealth of information designed to assist litigants and the attorneys assisting them. Check it frequently for updates. It has an excellent resource library which is continually being updated. There is also a free webinar on limited scope representation.

Best Practices for the Administration of Court Sponsored Lawyer For A Day Programs (Limited Scope/Unbundled Legal Service Programs) The New York City Courts established a highly successful limited scope volunteer lawyer for the day program in their high-volume housing courts. They took that experience and created a replicable model which has been expanded to other courts, and prepared a set of Best Practices which are an invaluable resource to anyone who is contemplating setting up a court sponsored lawyer for the day program.

http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/nya2j/pdfs/NYSA2J_BestPracticesVLFD.pdf

New York Housing Court Pilot Project Report – This successful pilot project provided trained, supervised lawyers for a day to pro se housing court litigants who would otherwise be without access to representation. The report can be found at

<http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/nyc/housing/videos.shtml#publications>

ABA Model Rule 1.2 specifically authorizes limited scope representation. It can be found at http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/rule_1_2.html

ABA Model Rule 6.5 encourages nonprofit and court based programs to offer limited scope representation by relaxing the rules on conflicts. It can be found at http://www.abanet.org/cpr/mrpc/rule_6_5.html