

Pro Se Litigant Survey

1. What County are you in? _____

2. Please check the box below that best describes the type of action you filed or was filed against you.

- Dissolution of Marriage with children
- Dissolution of Marriage without children
- Other: _____

3. Please rank the top three (1, 2, 3) reasons that best describe why you decided to represent yourself in this case.

- ____ Too expensive to hire a lawyer.
- ____ I did not want to hire a lawyer.
- ____ I believed I could handle the case on my own.
- ____ No complex issue to settle (real estate, IRAs, pensions, child custody)
- ____ I did not know how to find the right lawyer.
- ____ I had a bad experience with a lawyer.
- ____ Other (Please explain):

4. Did you consult with an attorney before deciding to represent yourself?

- Yes No

5. Did you complete the Litigant Awareness Program available on the state's pro se Web site (www.selfrepresent.mo.gov)?

- Yes No

6. Did you use the dissolution of marriage forms packet available on the state's pro se Web site (www.selfrepresent.mo.gov)?

- Yes No

7. Did you receive forms and/or assistance from any of the following in preparing to represent yourself?

- I did not receive assistance
 I received free help with my case from a legal aid office or legal services.
 I hired a lawyer to prepare documents that I filed.
 I received help from someone who is not an attorney.

8. If you did receive assistance, did you pay that person?

- Yes
 No

9. Please circle the response that best describes your feelings towards each statement:

Written instruction at www.selfrepresent.mo.gov telling me what and what not to do were helpful.....	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree
Computerized forms and instructions available at www.selfrepresent.mo.gov were helpful.....	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree
Court personnel was very helpful to me.....	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree
The Judge was very helpful to me.....	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree
I could have used more help from court personnel.....	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree
I could have used more help from the Judge.....	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree

10. How many people live in your household?

- 1 2 3 4 5 More than 5

11. What is your race or ethnic group?

- White Black Hispanic
 Asian/Pacific Islander Native American Other

12. What is your age?

- 15-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51+

13. What is your gender?

- Male
 Female

14. How much money do you make a year before taxes are taken out?

- \$0 – 10,999
 \$11,000 – 19,999
 \$20,000 – 29,999
 \$30,000 – 39,999
 \$40,000 – 49,999
 \$50,000 – 59,999
 \$60,000 – 69,999
 \$70,000 or over