

# Enabling Lawyers to Serve Pro Se Litigants

## The Midwest Regional Conference on Pro Se Litigation

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## Defining the Problem – Meeting Legal Needs

- Not Just an Issue of the Poor
- The Model of Providing Services is  
Inconsistent with Consumer  
Needs

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## The Continuum of Legal Needs

- Analogous to Medical Services

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## Unbundled Services as a Response

- What It Is
- How It Works
- Where We Find It
- Uniquely Responsive to Consumer Needs

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## The Need to Enable Unbundling in the Marketplace

- Scale is Too Large for Pro Bono
- Pro Se Litigants are not all Poor

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## Value of Unbundling to Practitioners

- Expands Base of Clients – More Opportunity
- Can be Coupled with Technology to Broaden Jurisdiction
- Lowers Risk of Malpractice
- Increases Receivables

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## The Path to Enabling Pro Se Support

- Rule Changes
- Educating Lawyers
- Educating the Public
- Channeling Services

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## Rule Changes

- Scope of Representation
- Contracting for Services
- Limits on the Scope of Services
- Communications between Counsel and Parties
- Document Preparation Issues
- Limited Appearances and Expedited Withdrawals
- Limiting Conflicts Checks

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## Channeling Services

- Lawyer Referral Service Unbundling Panels
- Civil Justice Inc.
- Maricopa Self Help Center Referrals
- Lifting Barriers to Marketplace Communications

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# Questions

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