



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRO SE LITIGATION



PLANNING TEMPLATE A - DESIGNING A PLANNING PROCESS¹ For jurisdictions with little or no assistance for self-represented litigants

State:

Team Leader:

- 1. What indicates to you a need to assist self-represented litigants?**

- 2. What data do you have or can you get on the types of cases in which litigants are appearing most frequently without counsel?**

- 3. What are the attitudes of the following stakeholders toward assisting self-represented litigants?**
 - A. Court leadership at the state level**
 - B. Trial judges**
 - C. Court staff**
 - D. Local bar members**
 - E. State bar members**
 - F. Legislators and county commissioners**
 - G. Others**

¹ For factors to consider when designing a planning process, see John Greacen's document "Utah Materials for Strategic Planning Meeting," at Tab 5 in the conference notebook.

4. Which stakeholders support assisting self-represented litigants?

A. How can you use them most effectively to marshal support and resources for an assistance program?

5. Which stakeholders are most resistant? How do you know?

A. What is the source of their resistance?

B. What information do you have or need to address this resistance?

C. How will you plan to engage with resistant stakeholders?

- 6. What would be a realistic first step in terms of services to self-represented litigants in your state?**
- A. Who would provide those services?**
- B. As a ballpark number, what resources would be required and where would they come from?**
- C. To what extent can you accomplish your goal with minimal funding, by, for example, shifting staff resources or collaborating with attorney and other community volunteers, paralegals, law students, social service providers and others? Explain.**
- D. Where would the service(s) be housed (e.g., courthouse, library, legal services office)?**

