



## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRO SE LITIGATION**



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### **JEFFERSON COUNTY KY FAMILY COURTS**

**State:** Kentucky

**Name of Program & Brief Description:** The Jefferson County KY Family Courts currently have several post-decree divorce forms available at the Clerk's office for pro se litigants. In conjunction with the Pro Bono and family Law Sections of the Louisville Bar Association we are developing divorce forms for pro se litigants. The forms are now being used by the Legal Aid Society on a trial basis to see what changes need to be made to them before there is mass distribution.

**Date Program Was Established:** 2004

**Cost/Funding Source(s):** We recently received a grant from the Louisville Bar Foundation to develop interactive software for the forms we are developing.

**Program Sponsor(s):** Jefferson Family Court Judges and the Louisville Bar Association.

**Partnerships:** Louisville Free Public Library, Legal Aid Society, Jefferson County Court Clerk, Brandeis School of Law.

**Target Group(s)/No. Clients Served per Year:** Currently approximately 20,000 cases are filed yearly in Jefferson Family Court. Of those approximately 5000 are divorce cases. At least that many cases come back on the docket on post-decree motions. Though most of the pre-decree litigants are living below the poverty line, the same is not necessarily true on the post-decree docket.

**Staffing (FTE, Part-Time, Titles):**

**Contact Person and Contact Information:**

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