

Unbundled Legal Services and the Court



Depending on the agreement, attorney may:

- Give legal advice;
- Draft filings;
- Review documents and organize discovery materials;
- Conduct legal research;
- Negotiate with opposing parties or attorney;
- Engage in alternative dispute resolution;
- Coach on strategy;
- Prepare client for court appearance;
- Prepare exhibits;
- Appear in court.

Forms

- Limited Scope Agreement between attorney and client
- Limited Entry of Appearance
- Notice of Termination of Appearance

Courts should:

- issue rules authorizing unbundled legal services
- explicitly support the delivery of unbundled legal services
- develop forms to facilitate and legitimize the practice
- sponsor CLEs
- encourage the bar association to create a bar section of unbundled attorneys
 - collaborate on CLEs and training
 - create a directory list of unbundled attorneys so courts can refer to it

- self-help center staff refer to the list
- post the list on the court's website with info about unbundled legal services
- develop court programs that use unbundled attorneys
- involve bar ethics counsel to train unbundled attorneys for court programs and offer ethics CLE credit
- talk to attorneys about opportunities for business

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Even if you plan to represent yourself in court, it is important to talk with a lawyer to understand some of the options and risks in your case. All lawyers licensed to practice law in Alaska must be members of the [Alaska Bar Association](#) which includes an on-line directory of names and contact information. Court staff, including Family Law Self-Help Center staff, cannot provide specific attorney recommendations.

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The following is a list of attorneys licensed to practice law in Alaska who provide [Unbundled Legal Services](#) in a variety of substantive areas such as family law. Unbundled Legal Services can also be described as discrete task representation, which means an attorney provides a specific service to a client rather than being retained to handle all aspects of a client's case. The attorneys' rates can be obtained from each individual attorney.

[Unbundled Legal Services – Attorney list](#)

This list is provided as a public service if the Undundled Law Section of the Alaska Bar Association

(The information below has been reproduced from the Civil Justice Network website.)

What are “Unbundled Legal Services”?

“Unbundled” legal services can also be described as “discrete task representation”. An attorney who provides a specific service to a client (who is otherwise handling an action pro se) is providing one service out of the possible range of “bundled” services, otherwise referred to as full representation. Some observers note that this type of service has always been part of the practice of law, although usually in the context of a relationship with an existing client.

What “Unbundled Legal Services” Means for Clients:

Attorneys which are committed to the “Unbundled” concept are willing to provide limited legal services to clients. Instead of paying a large retainer up-front a lawyer delivering limited legal services will undertake discrete tasks such as:

- Legal advice: office visits, telephone calls, fax, mail, e-mail
- Advice about availability of alternative means to resolving the dispute, including mediation and arbitration.
- Evaluation of clients' self-diagnosis of the case and advising client about legal rights.
- Guidance and procedural information for filing or serving documents.



Benefits for the court

- Receive higher quality filings
- Increased ability of judges to make decisions on the merits based
- Reduces continuances due to improper service, form or other technical failures
- Focuses the attorney's involvement on the more challenging parts of the case, where such assistance is most helpful to the court
- Reduces staff time to answer litigants' questions or explain process
- Reduces need to issue deficiency notices for correction
- Enhances credibility of the legal system if parties have positive and smoother experience