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The Self Help Center is neutral and may provide services to all parties in the case.

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DISCLAIMER

The North Dakota Legal Self Help Center provides resources to people who represent themselves in North Dakota state courts. The information provided by the Self Help Center is not intended for legal advice but only a general guide to civil court process in North Dakota state court.

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For more information go to
www.ndcourts.gov
“Legal Self Help & Forms”



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General Information

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HOW TO CONTACT THE ND LEGAL SELF HELP CENTER

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Website Address:
www.ndcourts.gov/legal-self-help

The North Dakota Legal Self Help Center is staffed by the Citizen Access Coordinator.

The North Dakota Legal Self Help Center is generally open and available to answer calls and emails Monday – Friday (excluding holidays), from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If your call is not answered, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

If your call is not answered, and your question is urgent, you may contact the clerk of court in the county where your case is or may be filed and the clerk may be able to provide some assistance.

****Please note that due to the high volume of questions and requests for assistance, it may take a few days to respond.****

If you cannot afford a lawyer or have chosen to represent yourself, the ND Legal Self Help Center provides free assistance to help you understand the legal process involved in civil matters in North Dakota state court.



THE SELF HELP CENTER CAN:

- Provide **neutral** and **impartial** information equally to state court users
- Answer questions about court processes, court rules, court forms and legal terms
- Explain basic legal process in state court
- Direct you to available forms, provide limited instruction and explanation about how to complete forms or required paperwork (forms are not available for all legal problems)
- Tell you how to find North Dakota state laws, rules and regulations
- Provide information about mediation services, the State Bar Association's volunteer and reduced fee lawyer programs and Legal Services of North Dakota
- Provide contact information for federal, state or county agencies or non-profit organizations that may offer additional information or services

THE SELF HELP CENTER CANNOT:

- Give legal advice or representation
- Tell you if you have a good case
- Tell you how case law, statutes or rules apply to your situation
- Tell you what to do or help you decide the best option for your situation
- Tell you what strategy to follow
- Tell you what words to put on a form or fill out the forms for you
- Create any documents for you
- File any documents for you
- Tell you what to say in court
- Predict what any judge or court may do, say or decide
- Assist in criminal matters
- Explain a judicial decision
- Refer you to a specific lawyer

REMEMBER:

Self Help Center staff **DO NOT** act as your lawyer in any way

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It is up to **YOU** to make decisions about your case

It is up to **YOU** to prepare, file, and serve papers

It is up to **YOU** to follow up on anything the court requires you to do