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## PRO SE PARTIES FIND ASSISTANCE WITH LIMITED REPRESENTATION

In the past, people headed towards divorce in Massachusetts were faced with a choice: come up with thousands of dollars for a retainer to hire an attorney or represent themselves as pro se litigants. Now, there is a third option: Limited Assistance Representation from an attorney who is qualified under the Limited Assistance Representation program.

Going through divorce is difficult, but going through divorce without a lawyer is a decision that could prove very costly to the outcome of your case. Divorce is filled with daunting and confusing decisions on

- Property division

- Division of liabilities

- Child custody

- Child support

- Alimony and tax consequences.

Worse still is some of these matters are subject to modification and others are not. Making the wrong decision because you do not understand or improperly file can have costly consequences.

Limited Representation lets you choose when you want to hire the services of a lawyer and how often. You still manage your case, but you get the assistance of an attorney. You decide if you want the lawyer to give you advice, to work on strategy or prepare a pre trial or temporary orders.

Limited Representation is particularly helpful to a client who seeks to represent himself, but needs help understanding the law, creating strategy or writing temporary orders or a pre trial.

Limited Representation isn't always the right choice. If your case contains complicated property division or issues of custody or removal of a child to another state or country, then you should seek the assistance of an attorney.

Limited Representation is a solution for a Pro Se to more effectively prepare their case, while preserving their funds to rebuild their life after divorce.