

PLEDGE OF SOLIDARITY FOR THE RIGHTS OF PRO SE LITIGANTS
IN ALL COURTS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

I, the undersigned, do hereby pledge my support for the organization known as HONESTY & EQUALITY FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS (H.E.L.P.S.) and its mission to protect the rights of Pro Se Litigants in the State of Florida as follows:

I BELIEVE that the Florida Legal System, which is paid for and maintained through taxpayer dollars and other public money, should be for the sole benefit of the People and their right to justice, fairness and equality through legal process, and not for the lawyers that work the System.

I BELIEVE every Floridian has the right to represent themselves in any Florida legal proceeding, and the Florida Legal System should protect, expand and encourage that right in any way reasonably possible.

I BELIEVE that anyone seeking to represent themselves in a Florida legal proceeding should have the assistance of anyone that they choose, whether that assistance comes from utilizing a lawyer or a non-lawyer.

I BELIEVE the Florida Bar Association ("FBA") primarily exists to protect the business interests of the lawyers that are its members. Therefore, I think it is a conflict of interest for the FBA to have the authority to investigate and prosecute non-lawyers engaged in the effort of assisting Pro Se Litigants utilizing the Florida Legal System.

I OPPOSE laws that seek to criminalize the practice of non-lawyers engaged in the effort to assist pro se litigants in utilizing the Florida Legal System, but I DO SUPPORT laws which license, bond and regulate non-lawyers who are engaged in the business of assisting Pro Se Litigants.

I DO NOT OPPOSE the use of licensed, ethical attorneys who do a good job for a reasonable fee. However, I OPPOSE any legal system or laws which obligate me to use an attorney, despite my desire to represent myself, and discourage or prevent me from using non-lawyers to assist me with my self-litigation needs and interests.

I BELIEVE that, as a FLORIDIAN and as an AMERICAN, I should have the freedom to represent myself in any Florida legal proceeding and the freedom to utilize non-lawyers to assist me with my self-representation, if I so choose. Therefore, I SUPPORT changes in the law, regulations, court procedures, and administrative rules which will give Pro Se Litigants fair and equitable access to the Florida Legal System; allow them to utilize non-lawyers to assist them in accessing the System; and to remove any favoritism given to attorneys and their clients.

NAME	HOME ADDRESS / EMAIL ADDRESS	SIGNATURE / DATE

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