
INFORMATION FOR SELF-REPRESENTED (PRO SE) PARTIES

FLORIDA SMALL CLAIMS COURT

Communicating with the Court: [What You Need to Know](#)

To ensure fairness for everyone involved in a Small Claim dispute, please keep the following points in mind:

The Judges and the Judicial Assistants:

- Cannot give legal advice
- Must avoid one-sided communication with any party
- Cannot speak privately with any party about a case

Everyone Must Follow the Same Rules


Even if you don't have an attorney, you are expected to follow the same:

- Court procedures
- Rules of evidence
- Laws and requirements that attorneys must follow

Need Help?

For **general questions** (not legal advice), contact the **Clerk's Office Self-Help Center**:

 (941) 637-2119 or SmallClaims@CharlotteClerk.com

 **Note:** The Clerk's staff cannot provide legal advice.

Helpful Resources

- [Click here to learn how to file a small claims case.](#)
- [Click here to complete the required forms: Statement of Claim and Designation of Email Address.](#)
- **Free Legal Consultation**-The Clerk of Court has partnered with the Legal Aid Society to offer free legal consultations. Click Here: [Legal Aid Partnership – YouTube Video](#)
Florida-Approved Statewide Forms. Click Here: [Florida Courts – Small Claims Resources](#)
- Florida Small Claims Rules (7.010 – 7.350) [Click here to view the Rules of Procedure \(PDF\).](#)

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| <p>This information is not intended as legal advice-it is provided solely as a public resource for educational purposes. For legal advice or assistance specific to your Small Claim court situation, it is strongly recommended that you consult an attorney.</p> |
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