

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE:

STANDING ORDER

Family Court Self Help Center Review of
Self-Represented Litigant Pleadings

In an effort to carry out the Fourth Judicial District's goal to provide self-represented litigants access to the courts, achieve fair and efficient resolution of their cases, minimize delays and inefficient use of court resources, Self Help Center staff educate self-represented litigants and review certain pleadings filed by them.

According to Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 14.01(b)(5)(i), starting July 1, 2015, self-represented litigants may choose to use the e-filing system to electronically file and serve documents in a case, but are not required to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE THE STANDING ORDER OF THE COURT:

1. Self Help Center staff shall remain neutral while providing instruction and education to self-represented litigants and may not provide legal advice in an attorney-client relationship;
2. Certain pleadings filed at the Family Court by self-represented litigants shall be reviewed by Self Help Center staff. Staff shall review the pleadings for completeness and adequacy, and shall indicate that the pleadings have been reviewed by stamping the pleadings or in another manner as appropriate;
3. Any pleadings that are e-filed by self-represented litigants may be screened by Self Help Center staff according to paragraph 2; and
4. This Order replaces the Order "In the Matter of the Family Law Facilitator Program" signed by the Honorable Charles Porter on March 18, 2002.

Dated: _____

Anne K. McKeig
Presiding Judge
Hennepin County Family Court