Top 10 Tips for Dealing with Self-represented Litigants

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- 3. Special calendars/Facilitate services
- 4. Special scripts/instructions
- 5. Be patient
- 6. Self help and other resources/ Encourage unbundling and limited scope representation
- 7. Know your own biases
- 8. Be flexible
- 9. Be active
- 10. Handouts in the courtroom

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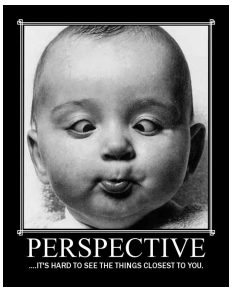

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Other resources

Other resources

- AOC Bench Guide for Judicial Officers: Handling Cases for Self-Represented Litigants (January 2007);
- Reaching out or Overreaching: Judicial Ethics and Self Represented Litigants (American Judicature Society, 2005)
- California Self Help on the web:www.courtinfo.ca.gov

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