

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Supreme Court Announces New Procedures to Assist Self-Represented Litigants File Appeals

Starting today, people without attorneys who wish to file, in person, appeals to the Delaware Supreme Court in New Castle County should go to the law library, Suite 2500, in the Leonard Williams Justice Center.

This marks what will be the first step in creating a new Resource Center – also sometimes called a Self-Help Center – at the Leonard Williams Justice Center as was called for by the Delaware Access to Justice Commission in its September report to the Delaware Supreme Court. A person who does not retain an attorney and appears on his or her own behalf before a Court is said to be “self-represented” or “pro se.”

The report, available at <https://courts.delaware.gov/forms/download.aspx?id=98718>, calls for the courthouse law libraries in all three counties to be converted into resource centers for litigants as part of a larger plan to improve access to justice for all citizens of Delaware. The conversion process is underway.

The law librarian at the Leonard Williams Justice Center will not be able to provide legal advice on appeals (and indeed is prohibited from providing legal advice), but will be able to provide guidance on the proper procedures for litigants, as well as direct them to the proper forms and documents needed to file an appeal.

Self-represented individuals may file an appeal to the Supreme Court in person at any of these locations:

- **New Castle County – In the Law Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Suite 2500) at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center, 500 King Street, in Wilmington**
- **Kent County – At the Supreme Court of Delaware, 55 The Green, in Dover**
- **Sussex County – At the Court of Chancery Courthouse, 34 the Circle, in Georgetown**

Self-represented individuals may also file an appeal to the Supreme Court by First Class mail using the following mailing addresses in the appropriate county:

Supreme Court of Delaware  
The Renaissance Centre  
405 North King Street, Suite 509  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Supreme Court of Delaware  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
55 The Green  
Dover, DE 19901

Supreme Court of Delaware  
Court of Chancery Courthouse  
34 The Circle  
Georgetown, DE 19947

For more information, please refer to see “Filing an Appeal in the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, A Citizen’s Guide”

<https://courts.delaware.gov/help/appeals/supremecitizensguide.aspx#terms>

**For more information, please contact  
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