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**The Delaware Supreme Court has revised and updated  
its self-help guide for self-represented litigants.**

The Delaware Supreme Court today announced the release of a revised and updated self-help guide for citizens who are parties to appeals in the state's highest court without an attorney.

The last time the guide was updated was in 2012.

This recent round of changes came in part from the recommendations of the Delaware Access to Justice Commission's Subcommittee on Judicial Branch Coordination in Helping Pro Se Litigants. ("Pro se" is a legal term meaning "For himself or herself," and refers to litigants who represent themselves without the assistance of an attorney.)

The guide is designed to be a step-by-step manual for use by non-lawyers and represents the Delaware Judiciary's ongoing commitment to make the Delaware Courts as transparent and user-friendly as possible. The guide also includes forms that are necessary in an appeal and links to helpful resources for self-represented litigants.

"I have found many pro se litigants are confused about the process and how exactly they can file an appeal. In some cases they are also uncertain as to what the Delaware Supreme Court does and what its limits are. This guide is designed to help self-represented parties through the process and make clear what the Court can and cannot do," said Supreme Court Clerk Lisa Dolph.

The team that worked on the revisions – including Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr., Supreme Court staff attorney Katherine Neikirk and Court Clerk Dolph – emphasized the use of plain (non-legal) language as often as possible.

The revised and updated guide has been posted on the Delaware Courts' website and is available both as an interactive web page and downloadable PDF at <https://courts.delaware.gov/help/appeals/supremecitizensguide.aspx>.

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