

## Legal Advice

The information provided here is not a substitute for the advice and counsel of an attorney experienced in family law matters; the purpose is to provide you with general information concerning your divorce or paternity legal action. If you believe that you cannot afford the full services of an attorney, please consider at least a conference with an attorney, which is usually available for a nominal sum. Remember, appearing in court requires extensive knowledge of not only the law, but also the many court rules and procedures that govern the conduct of litigants; without the assistance of an attorney, you may not gain the full benefits of the law. Should you elect to represent yourself, referred to as pro se, you must assume the full responsibility of knowing all of the substantive and procedural law applicable to your legal matter.

When you seek an attorney, you may wish to confirm with a prospective attorney that they practice in the legal area of “family law.” You may find guidance to attorney lists in the yellow pages of your phone book, numerous on-line resources, and the Wisconsin State Bar Association Information and Attorney Referral Service at phone 800-362-9082. Many attorneys will meet with you for an initial consultation for a nominal reduced rate.