

**FROM THE OFFICES OF THE
DUBOIS COUNTY CLERK
&
DUBOIS COUNTY COURTS**

**NOTICE TO THOSE WHO WANT TO FILE FOR
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT THE
BENEFIT OF AN ATTORNEY**

In Indiana, Courts are open to each and every person. There is no requirement that you hire or even speak to an attorney. Nevertheless, you are highly encouraged to do so. Although you have the right to file an action for dissolution of marriage on your own, it may not be in your best interest.

The Clerk's Office, the Court staff and the Judge cannot give you any legal advice. We must remain neutral and impartial.

The rules that apply to attorneys who file dissolution proceedings equally apply to you. Just like an attorney it is your responsibility to be prepared, provide evidence and submit all the documents necessary to finalize your divorce. Not being a lawyer and not knowing the law is not an excuse for not following court procedures.

The Indiana Supreme Court does not recommend that you choose to represent yourself, but they also recognize that in some instances people for whatever reason choose not to utilize the services of an attorney. In an attempt to assist those who represent themselves they have established the Indiana Judiciary Self Service Center (<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice>).

You should take the time to familiarize yourself with the information contained within the Self Service Center. It will help explain what will be expected through the dissolution process. You are also encouraged to watch the video Family Matter: Choosing to Represent Yourself in Court in its entirety.

We truly want your experience with the Judicial System to be a pleasant one. The better informed and prepared you are, the more likely it is that you will have a positive experience and achieve the results you are hoping for in your case.