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Speaking as a Pro Se litigant myself; I must say that the hard-ships I had to endure during the beginning and end of my ordeal/case was both arduous and chaotic. I have encountered many problems and issues; the main one being unable to hire an attorney, even though I was of low-income.

I wish to see the adaptation of APR 28, the reason stemming directly from my recent encounter with the justice system. Many low-income people or those unable to gain aid from pro bono attorneys must endure the trial of figuring out the complexities themselves and from what I have experienced from my case: it was quite difficult, especially since the adverse party had an attorney working for them the entire time. We had no idea:

1. What we were going up against.
2. What the odds were of our success.
3. What we would have to research as relevant information to build our case.
4. What forms or pleadings would be useful to us.

Long story short, we lost the case, although we did gain "some" free legal advice before-hand, it still left us with a lot to cover on our own: how would we represent our case in-front of the judge, in a way that carries our point across, for consideration. We had no communication with the adverse party during the pending case and it became mostly a waiting game.

I can honestly say from personal experience, that in these times, I am not the only one who has to struggle with the law in such a way: for people who do not deal with the complexities of the law, we have no idea how to maintain the case; even with easily obtainable forms or make-shift scenario's we can find over the internet, it does not mean we can do it in reality; we don't have that kind of expertise or prowess to properly utilize what we have..

With legal technicians, we would be able to have a direct translator: someone who can assist us with the legal linguistics':

- Showing us what forms and evidence is relevant to the upcoming case.
- What subtle nuances we would have to understand in order to better comprehend our situation.
- How to represent ourselves with confidence, not fear, in a hearing/trial and what to expect from opposing counsel.
- Answer any other questions we may have about our situation as well as alternative remedies.

I hope that APR 28 is adopted so that the vast numbers of Pro Se litigants, including myself, actually have an adequate chance at our case. We need more professionals to assist those without any options left-we who are frightened at the prospect of going to trial or to a hearing, and who are probably easily intimidated; especially if the adverse party has a lawyer who knows what they're doing and does it well.

Compassion and sympathy are the only things Pro Se litigants have; and it does not at the end of the case; hold

any weight in the courtroom. We can only flounder like a fish out of water and pray for the best.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments,

Bing Alexeana