STANDING ORDERS FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS

IN ORDER TO BE LICENSED AS AN ATTORNEY IN OHIO, PERSONS UNDERGO YEARS OF EDUCATION, ARE REQUIRED TO SUCCESSFULLY PASS A VIGOROUS PROFESSIONAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION, AND MUST CONTINUE TO TRAIN IN THE LAW. THEREFORE, IF YOU CHOSE TO REPRESENT YOURSELF, WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF THIS SPECIALIZED EDUCATION AND TRAINING, YOU AT A DISTINCT DISADVANTAGE.

THE COURT, THEREFORE URGES YOU TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF AN ATTORNEY, EITHER BY RETAINING AN ATTORNEY, OR BY CONTACTING THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY IN A CIVIL CASE, THE COURT IS NOT PERMITTED TO PROVIDE AN ATTORNEY FOR YOU.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU PROCEED TO REPRESENT YOURSELF, WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE OBLIGATED AND BOUND TO FOLLOW THE LAWS AND PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE.

CIVIL PRO SE LITIGANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING ORDERS THROUGHOUT THIS CASE:

1) PRO SE LITIGANTS ARE BOUND TO FOLLOW THE APPLICABLE RULES OF LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, RULES OF EVIDENCE, RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, AND LOCAL RULES OF COURT;
2) PRO SE LITIGANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL ORDERS OF THIS COURT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO PT/CMC ORDERS, STANDING ORDERS, COURT RULINGS, TRIAL AND FINAL PRETRIAL ORDERS;
3) WHERE PLEADINGS ARE FILED OR REQUIRED, PRO SE LITIGANTS ARE REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO THE RULES GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, FILING, AND SERVICE OF SAME;
4) PRO SE LITIGANTS ARE ORDERED THAT THEY MAY NOT SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE COURT OR COURT'S STAFF, AS THE COURT AND STAFF ARE PROHIBITED FROM PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE;
5) PRO SE LITIGANTS ARE ORDERED TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH PROPER TRIAL PROCEDURE, INCLUDING THE CALLING OF WITNESSES, THE PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE, AND ALL APPLICABLE LAW;
6) PRO SE LITIGANTS ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR IN COURT AT ALL TIMES ORDERED BY THE COURT, TO BE DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR COURT, (I.E. IN BUSINESS ATTIRE; TO BRING PAPER AND PEN/PENCIL FOR PROCEEDINGS IN ORDER TO TAKE NOTES);
7) PRO SE LITIGANTS ARE ADVISED THAT COURTEOUS CONDUCT IS EXPECTED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED TO

ARGUE WITH COURT RULINGS OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS. NO ONE SHALL INTERRUPT THE COURT OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS, EXCEPT TO STATE AN OBJECTION ON THE RECORD. FURTHER, ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST STAND WHEN ADDRESSING THE COURT IN THE COURTROOM;

8) IN THE EVENT YOU MAKE AN OBJECTION ON THE RECORD, YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO GIVE THE REASON FOR THAT OBJECTION, UNLESS ASKED TO DO SO BY THE COURT. IF ASKED, BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN THE REASON AND LEGAL BASIS FOR THAT OBJECTION. SHOULD YOU WISH TO PRESERVE AN OBJECTION FOR APPEAL, YOU MUST REQUEST A PROFFER AND FOLLOW THE PROPER PROCEDURE.