### **Executive Summary:**

Total states + D.C. with standardized forms: 49

Total states requiring courts to accept forms if used by litigant or lawyer: 37

Total states with family law forms: 48
Total states with divorce forms: 37

(Of divorce forms, 31 states have divorce with children, 30 have divorce with real property, 33 have forms for custody matters, and 39 have forms for child support matters)

Total states with forms available online: 49

Total states which limit access to forms to low-income litigants only: 0

Total states with a self-help website: 39

STATE	STATE-WIDE FORMS	COURT-REQUIRED ACCEPTANCE	SUBJECT-MATTER	FAMILY LAW FORMS	DIVORCE FORMS	DIVORCE + KIDS	DIVORCE + REAL PROPERTY	FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE	INCOME RESTRICTIONS?	STATE SELF- HELP WEBSITE
Totals	49	37		48	37	31	30	49	0	39
Alabama	Yes		State Bar created 25 forms and 20 Court approved forms: landlord/tenant, SAPCR, divorce	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	
<u>Alaska</u>	Yes		18 different categories of forms including appeals. SRL forms issued in past 12 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Arizona</u>	Yes	Yes (protective order kit only)	12 categories of forms: divorce, small claims, appeals, eviction protective order, etc. & 16 Family Procedure Forms 01/2009	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Arkansas</u>	Yes		Protective order and some probate forms are approved by the Supreme Court. Other form kits for SRLs are provided by the ATJ Commission in collaboration with legal aid. While these forms are not court ordered, they are supported by the Court and widely accepted.	Yes- protective order Kit				Yes	No	
<u>California</u>	Yes	Yes	Hundreds of forms in existence for over 30 years. Forms are accepted and required by all courts in the state.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Colorado	Yes		Adoption, family, domestic relations, appeals, probate, protective order, small claims, water, juvenile, criminal, civil, paternity, misc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Connecticut	Yes	Yes	Administrative, civil, criminal, family, general, housing, juvenile, probate, small claims, appellate, protective order	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>

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<u>Delaware</u>	Yes	Yes	Civil, family, criminal, traffic, appeals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
D.C.	Yes	Yes	Family, domestic relations, protective order, civil, small claims, landlord/tenant, criminal, probate. Additional family law forms, including divorce forms, are provided on the Bar website	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<u>Florida</u>	Yes		Family, probate, landlord/tenant, small claims, guardianship	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<u>Georgia</u>	Yes		Juvenile, probate, protective order, criminal, domestic relations	Yes- protective order Kit				Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Hawaii</u>	Yes		Family, civil, small claims, landlord/tenant, traffic, criminal, protective order	Yes	Yes***	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Idaho</u>	Yes	Yes	Family, landlord/tenant, name change, small claims, protective order, judicial consent to abortion.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Illinois										
<u>Indiana</u>	Yes	Yes	Civil, criminal, and appellate matters. Started 10 years ago.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>lowa</u>	Yes	Yes	Civil, small claims, family, divorce, protective order, commitments.	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Kansas</u>	Yes	Yes	Civil, family, landlord/tenant, probate and juvenile. 20+ categories. 100+ forms.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Probate and protective order form appear to be available for use by non-attorneys. All other forms (wide variety) available on Court's website appear to be for lawyers only. Bar provides ongoing divorce self-help clinics.	Yes- protective order Kit				Yes	No	

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<u>Louisiana</u>	Yes	Yes	Protective order forms available for attorneys and non-attorneys/victims of domestic violence.	Yes- protective order Kit				Yes	No	
<u>Maine</u>	Yes	Yes	Consumer, civil, criminal, family, foreclosures, money judgment, protective order, small claims, protective custody, appeals.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Maryland</u>	Yes	Yes	Family, landlord/tenant, small claims, traffic, protective order, and more. Started 20+ years ago.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes		Family, limited scope representation, probate, small claims, landlord/tenant, municipal courts.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Michigan	Yes	Yes	Adoption, civil, criminal, guardianship, protective order, name change, emancipation, parental consent, juvenile, mental commitment, probate.	Yes				Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Minnesota</u>	Yes	Yes	33 categories including divorce, protective order, traffic, small claims, bankruptcy, etc. Packets started being developed in mid-1990's. Court and Bar studied and concluded forms were needed.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Mississippi	forms are currently in develop- ment									
<u>Missouri</u>	Yes	Yes	Family: divorce, modification of protective order and custody, name change and paternity. SRLs MUST USE these forms.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Montana	Yes		Over 50 categories of forms including family law, discovery, appeals, protective order, landlord/tenant, probate, taxes, small claims.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes-Bar</u>

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<u>Nebraska</u>	Yes	Yes	Appeals, court records, children and family, estates, financial/medical, parental consent waiver, general trial procedure, guardianship, name change, small claims, worker's comp and protective order.	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
<u>Nevada</u>	Yes	Yes	Civil, protective order, family, guardianship, landlord/tenant, appellate, divorce.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Appeals, divorce, domestic relations, child welfare, juvenile, adoption, estates, guardianship, probate.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Civil, criminal, family, municipal, landlord/tenant, tax, appellate, foreclosures, small claims, juvenile, protective order.	Yes				Yes	No	Yes
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	Civil, criminal, municipal, landlord/tenant, guardianship, domestic relations.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
New York	Yes	Yes	Family law, divorce, protective order, criminal, and variety of civil forms. Civil forms have been used for decades.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
North Carolina	Yes		Criminal (88), civil (131), protective order, child support, paternity, juvenile. Divorce packets and self-help center provided at local district court level.	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	Appeals, child support, visitation, guardianship, probate, protective order, small claims, simple divorce.	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Ohio</u>	Yes	Yes	Protective order and some custody & support forms. Other domestic relations forms, including simple divorce forms, are provided by local courts.	Yes- protective order Kit				Yes	No	

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<u>Oklahoma</u>	Yes	Yes	Protective order, child support, civil, appeals, criminal appeals.	Yes				Yes	No	
<u>Oregon</u>	Yes	Yes	300+ family law forms, small claims, landlord/tenant, some criminal. Coalition of family law lawyers sought legislative mandate to create forms.  Maintained by the Family Law Council, State Court Administrator and State Court Advisory Committee.	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Pennsylvania	Yes		Probate, foreign adoptions, appeals, civil, landlord/tenant, expungements. Other forms including family law and divorce forms are provided at local court level.					Yes	No	
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Administrative appeals, civil, family, landlord/tenant, traffic, pre-trial. Limited family law forms. Criminal and small claims forms are "coming soon."	Yes				Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
South Carolina	Yes	Yes	Some civil and simple divorce created for SRLs. Divorce forms: uncontested, no kids, no property, But the SRL can modify the forms to include kids and property and contested matters. Also a lot of court-approved forms that are geared to attorneys.	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
South Dakota	Yes		Protective order, divorce, name change, parenting time, civil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>

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<u>Tennessee</u>	Yes	Yes	Divorce no kids, no property were approved by the Supreme Court in 2011. They are the only Court approved forms. Tennessee's OCA has developed other forms available to lawyers and non-lawyers, but they have not been approved by the Court. These OCA forms include: protective order, child support, criminal, probate, small claims, traffic.	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Texas	Yes	Yes	Protective Order Kit in 2005	Yes- protective order Kit				Yes	No	
<u>Utah</u>	Yes	Yes	Divorce, child support, enforcement, protective order, landlord/tenant, guardianship, parentage, probate, small claims, expungement.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Vermont	Yes	Yes	Civil, small claims, family, protective order, criminal, probate, name change, guardianship, partner adoption.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Virginia</u>	Yes	Yes	Protective order, traffic, paternity, child support, juvenile, mental health, civil.	Yes				Yes	No	
Washington	Yes	Yes	Divorce, custody, child support, protective order, juvenile, title, financial, criminal, adoption.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	Divorce, family, appeals, child support, custody, protective order, guardianship,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Divorce, family law, small claims, name change, juvenile, probate, protective order, appeals.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	Divorce, child support, child custody.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	<u>Yes</u>