

# Unbundled Legal Services



## What Is Unbundling?

Unbundling, or limited scope representation, is an alternative to traditional, full-service representation. Instead of handling every task in a matter from start to finish, the lawyer handles only certain parts and the client remains responsible for the others. It is an a la carte option for legal services.

## Good for Clients, Courts and Attorneys

Clients get just the advice and services they need so they pay a more affordable overall legal fee.

Lawyers expand their client base because their services are more affordable to a broader span of the population.

Otherwise self-represented litigants receive necessary counsel making interactions with court personnel and judges more efficient.

## Advancing Unbundling



3 out of 5 litigants in civil cases do not have a lawyer.



Yet seven out of ten people are not at all familiar with unbundling as an option for affordable legal services.

### What can we do?

- Petition courts to expand upon the rules of professional conduct clarifying unbundling.
- Provide resources that help lawyers understand their obligations and provide limited scope services.
- Create a section or group dedicated to advancing unbundling.
- Maintain a directory of lawyers who provide unbundling.
- Create pipelines from clients to lawyers who provide unbundling.
- Educate young lawyers and law students on unbundling as an option.

### Where can we start?



The ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services maintains an Unbundling Resource Center with rules, cases, ethics opinions, articles and more. Go to [www.ambar.org/delivery](http://www.ambar.org/delivery) and click on "Resources."