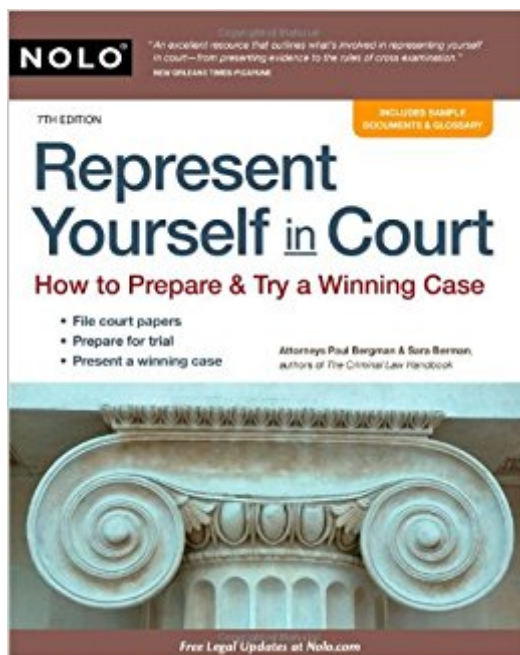


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# Represent Yourself In Court: How To Prepare & Try A Winning Case



## Synopsis

Prepare and present a winning civil court case! Written in plain English, *Represent Yourself in Court* breaks down the trial process into easy-to-understand steps so that you can act as your own lawyer -- safely and efficiently. Find out what to say, how to say it, even where to stand when you address the judge and jury. Armed with these simple but thorough instructions, you'll be well prepared to achieve good results, without the cost of an attorney. Find out how to: file court papers handle depositions and interrogatories comply with courtroom procedures pick a jury prepare your evidence and line up witnesses present your opening statement and closing argument cross-examine hostile witnesses understand and apply rules of evidence locate, hire and effectively use expert witnesses make and respond to your opponent's objections get limited help from an attorney as needed monitor the work of an attorney if you decide to hire one Whether you are a plaintiff or a defendant, this book will help you confidently handle a divorce, personal injury case, landlord/tenant dispute, breach of contract, small business dispute or any other civil lawsuit. The 7th edition is completely updated to include the latest rules and court procedures and more sample documents to help guide you through your case.

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great products , so convenient, right to my door! I am not crazy about shipping charges, but convenient is key right now!

This is a massive book with lots of info. While somewhat organized info, it is still difficult to navigate and very intimidating to even open and begin. It makes your self representation journey seem like you'd may as well go to law school first! The second thing I didn't like about it was that it was recommended (by its own website) that this was the book for Small Claims cases and there is NOTHING in there regarding small claims. That was hugely disappointing. While there is a wealth of info, I am overall disappointed.

Book was really well written and got right to the chase about what I needed to know. The deposition process was especially crucial, because a lot of people aren't aware that insurance companies conduct a "beauty contest" to see who they want to settle with and who they should drag through the courts. Another item the book was very clear on was that 90% of all cases don't even get to trial, so knowing all the pre-trial procedures and nuances will help the reader understand the "jumping off points" in which settlement occurs. I won my case during pre-trial exchanges of documents.

I purchased this book because Sara Berman is an awesome professor and she recommended it for law students who are studying for the CBX because it has examples of different documents that might show up on the Performance Test portion of the exam. It does do that, but I found that in general the book lacks meat. As a practicing attorney, I find it too broad to be useful, but maybe for a pro per it may be just simple enough to be helpful. I guess I am not the best judge.

I recommend this book to anyone with any kind of suit to file in court...and especially if you hire a lawyer. This way, you can stay up to speed on the process of what is going on, and what your

lawyer should be doing. The book goes into enough detail to explain the important things, but not so much detail that you fall asleep trying to muddle through. I recommend starting anywhere inside and reading anything you have any questions about. It is a real eye opener, unfortunately, if you have a lazy lawyer who is just phoning your case in. With this book in your arsenal, you will know what is expected of your barrister! Enjoy. This book is recommended if you are even THINKING of suing someone or going to court for any reason. In my case, I found out that my lawyer was

- 1) Overcharging me a great deal and
- 2) Not doing his homework and
- 3) Not fighting for me in court nearly as hard as was possible.

As a result, I fired that firm and hired another one for the appeal.

Folks Look at the title.... Does it say anything about being specifically focused on civil and bankruptcy suits? It just takes a couple of idiot law wanna be's from the great state of idiots, California to leave such simple FACTS out of the title description. If you have received a ticket or criminal charge, this book runs from such information.

So far, it's very good. So much information in this book that I have to take it in measured quantities. This is a serious topic requiring thought, research and more. I will diligently follow through with the author's recommendations but know that they will require time and effort. This topic is hotter than hot since legal advice is now so expensive that it's impractical. Note that I have given the review only four stars since I'm not finished with the book as yet, and then there will be the acid test - was the advice sound? But as I said, so far -- heavy duty and helpful.

This book was helpful to me, and I ended up using the information to submit my own case in federal court. I did end up having to get a lawyer after I did it, because there was so much more to this than I realized. If you are doing small claims court, it was worth it. My only negative was that it only referred to California courts, but most of the information was helpful.

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