

**PRO SE LITIGANT ISSUES:**

1. The law must produce a consistent outcome for all litigants, regardless of their legal representation, based on the law and facts of the case. Agree Disagree
  
2. The “hard” procedural bars – pertaining to the status of limitations, availability of administrative remedies, and time limits for filing an appeal – apply equally to unrepresented and represented litigants. Agree Disagree
  
3. “Soft” procedural bars – pertaining to the contemporaneous objections, raising issues on appeal, or vacating a default judgment – can be mitigated for unrepresented litigants. Agree Disagree
  
4. Courts should grant unrepresented litigants leeway in both form and content of the documents they file. Agree Disagree
  
5. Judges should help assure that a litigant has an opportunity to present evidence so long as the judge does not prejudice the other side in doing so. Agree Disagree
  
6. Judicial efforts to enable unrepresented litigants to present their cases should be limited to assistance to the party in accomplishing the party’s own strategy, not suggesting a different or better strategy. Agree Disagree

Please return to Judge Borek