



Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

Why Promote Standardized Forms?

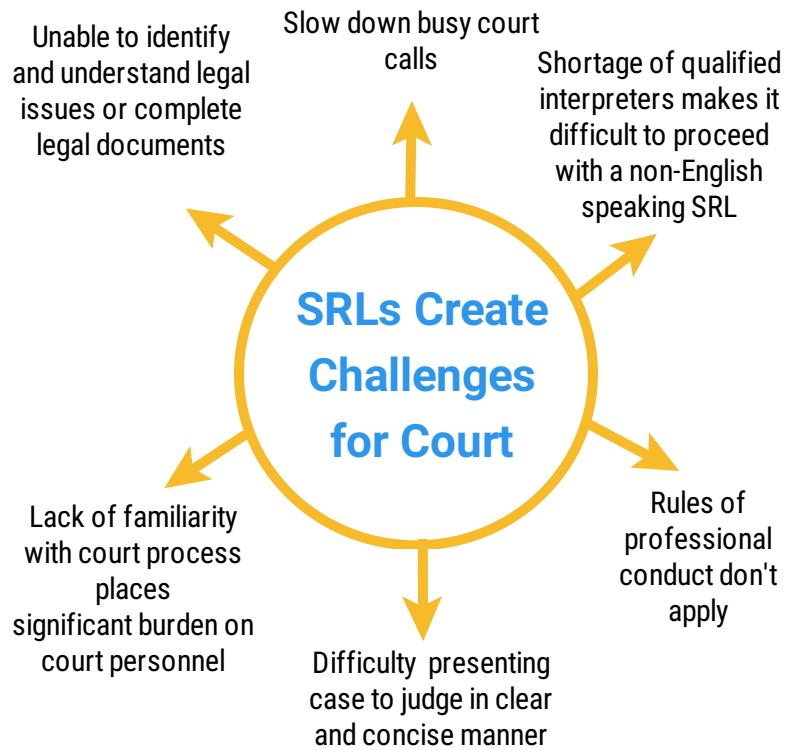
Legal Aid is Overburdened & Attorneys are Expensive

1 legal aid staff attorney for every 7,227 low income residents

7 out of 24 judicial circuits have no legal aid staff within their borders

5 out of 6 cases handled by legal aid are advice only or brief services

47% of Americans would struggle to pay \$400 for an emergency



Forms Promote, Facilitate, and Enhance Access to Justice

Public Trust in the Court

Was I treated with respect and was I heard?



Decrease burden on court because SRLs make fewer errors and understand court process and procedure



Plain language improves SRLs ability to understand relevant law, follow procedure, and advance lawsuits without legal representation



Increase court's ability to serve non-English speaking litigants



Allow for uniformity in process and quality control