

In Phoenix, Majority of Cases Involve Someone Without a Lawyer. Benjamin Legal wants to make That Experience better.

In Maricopa County Family Court, More Than 9 in 10 Cases Involve Someone Without a Lawyer. These services aim to Change What That Experience Looks Like.

PHOENIX, AZ, UNITED STATES, August 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the nation's fourth largest trial court system, going to family court without a lawyer is not the exception. It is the norm. For Maricopa County Superior Court cases closed in fiscal year 2021, more than 90 percent of family court cases had at least one self-represented party, and in more than 70 percent of cases both parties were self-represented. In fewer than 1 in 10 cases, both parties were represented by an attorney. The court itself has noted that self-represented litigants make up by far the highest share of any department, and that these individuals must navigate a complicated litigation process while also grappling with the challenges in their own lives.

Two Phoenix-built services from [Benjamin Legal, P.C.](#) were designed specifically for that majority: FileFamilyLaw.com, a flat-fee document preparation service supported by the firm's practicing family law attorneys, and Simple Family Law, a platform that pairs attorney-created video guidance with the ready-to-use forms needed to move an Arizona family law case



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toward resolution.

Built for How Phoenix Families Actually Use the Courts

The Maricopa County numbers reflect a reality familiar to anyone who has stood in line at a Valley courthouse: most people handling divorce, custody, support, paternity, and similar matters are doing it themselves, often because traditional hourly representation is financially out of reach. The court system has responded with its own innovations, including an informal trial format designed to help litigants without lawyers. Benjamin Legal believes the private bar has a responsibility to respond as well.

According to Lindsay Benjamin, Founder and CEO of Benjamin Legal, the firm built both services after years of watching capable people struggle not with the substance of their cases but with the mechanics: which documents a matter requires, how paperwork must be completed, and what to expect at each phase. In her view, when self-represented parties are the overwhelming majority of a court's users, serving them well is not a side project for the legal profession but the central challenge.

Two Different Levels of Help

FileFamilyLaw.com serves Arizonans who want their court paperwork prepared professionally. The service prepares documents for divorce, legal separation, child custody and paternity, parenting plans, support, modifications and enforcement, name changes, and grandparent rights matters, with flat-fee pricing and support from the attorneys at Benjamin Legal. It serves every Arizona county, including Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai, and Coconino.

Simple Family Law serves those managing their entire case themselves. For a one-time flat fee, users receive a year of access to step-by-step video tutorials created by experienced family law attorneys, along with the court forms their matter requires, covering both settlement and litigation phases. The platform is designed to answer the questions self-represented litigants most commonly bring to court staff, who are limited in the guidance they can provide.

Because both services are connected to a full-service law firm, families whose cases become more complex can transition to attorney representation without starting over.

A Phoenix Answer to a Phoenix-Sized Problem

Benjamin Legal views the Maricopa County data as a call to rethink how legal services are delivered in Arizona's largest metro area. The firm's position is that success is measured not by how many families hire lawyers, but by how many families reach fair, complete, and durable resolutions, no matter the path they take to get there.

More information is available at file.benjaminlegal.com and simple.benjaminlegal.com.

About Benjamin Legal, P.C.

Benjamin Legal is a family law firm based in Phoenix, Arizona, serving families throughout Arizona and Colorado, including Maricopa County and the greater Phoenix metro area. The firm handles divorce, child custody and parenting time, child support, spousal maintenance, paternity, grandparent rights, mediation, and related family law matters, and offers document preparation through FileFamilyLaw.com and guided self-representation through Simple Family Law. More information is available at benjaminlegal.com.

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