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# HOW TO USE THE MOTION FOR RECOGNITION OF PRO PER STATUS

## PURPOSE

This motion formally notifies the Court that you are exercising your right of self-representation and requests reasonable procedural latitude consistent with fairness and due process.

## WHEN TO FILE

File this motion before trial whenever possible. Bring copies to court and ensure service has been completed.

## WHAT THIS MOTION DOES

- Establishes pro per status on the record
- Requests reasonable procedural latitude
- Clarifies expectations
- Preserves fairness concerns

## EXAMPLE – COURT GRANTS MOTION

Judge: 'The motion is granted.' Defendant: 'Thank you, Your Honor.'

Do not continue arguing. Move on to the next stage of the proceeding.

## EXAMPLE – COURT DENIES MOTION

Judge: 'The motion is denied.' Defendant: 'Your Honor, I respectfully object to the denial of reasonable procedural latitude and request that my objection be noted for the record.'

Then move forward. Do not argue.

## COMMON MISTAKE

Treating the motion as a battle that must be won immediately. The motion may still provide value by creating a record even if denied.

## LD APPLICATION

This motion reflects the Liberty Dialogues emphasis on structure, clarity, and preservation. It is one of the earliest opportunities to establish your position and create a record.

## FINAL PRINCIPLE

The motion is important, but the case does not rise or fall on this motion alone. Preparation and disciplined execution remain essential.