

Welcome to the Family Law Facilitator (FLF)

MESSAGE BOARD

What is the Message Board and Why Should I Use It?

The Message Board is a way for the FLF to communicate directly with you, the self-represented litigant, about your case. Every time we review your file, whether it is in preparation for a Self-Represented Family Resolution Conference (SFRC), while we are preparing orders on your case, or any other time we have occasion to look at your case, we may notice things we want to bring to your attention. With the Message Board, we can send you a message and provide you with important procedural and educational information about your case. For example, we may point out mistakes in your paperwork that need to be corrected before you proceed further (or tell you your case is ready to move forward ⁽²⁾), provide options to help you resolve issues, remind you of upcoming hearings, or direct you other court online services and outside agency referrals. It is also a way for you to access information about your case *all in one place*, like current and past messages from the FLF, court activity on your case (link to your case Register of Actions), future court hearing dates, times, and locations, and links to other self-help resources.

How Does It Work?

If you are self-represented and have a family law case filed with the San Diego Superior Court, you are eligible to register for a Message Board account with the FLF. To register for an account, visit an FLF office and verify your identity as a party to your case. Bring government issued photo identification to help us with the verification process. You must have an active email address to receive email messages. Once your identity is verified as a party to your case, you will receive email instructions from the court on how to set up your account. You will create a User ID and password unique to you. Once your account is activated, you may access your account. We will notify you, by email, when we post a message to your account. You may then log in to your account to view your message. You can also access your account at any time to view information about your case that is available on Message Board.

The information on Message Board, including messages posted, is available to be viewed by both parties to the case if both are registered for the Message Board. The Family Law Facilitator's Office may provide information and assistance to all self-represented parties to a case.

The Message Board is intended for the benefit of self-represented litigants only. The Message Board cannot be used or accessed by anyone who is represented by an attorney in their case.

See the full Family Law Facilitator Disclosure here.

For Message Board Desktop Requirements, <u>click here</u>.