

APPEALS SELF HELP CLINIC

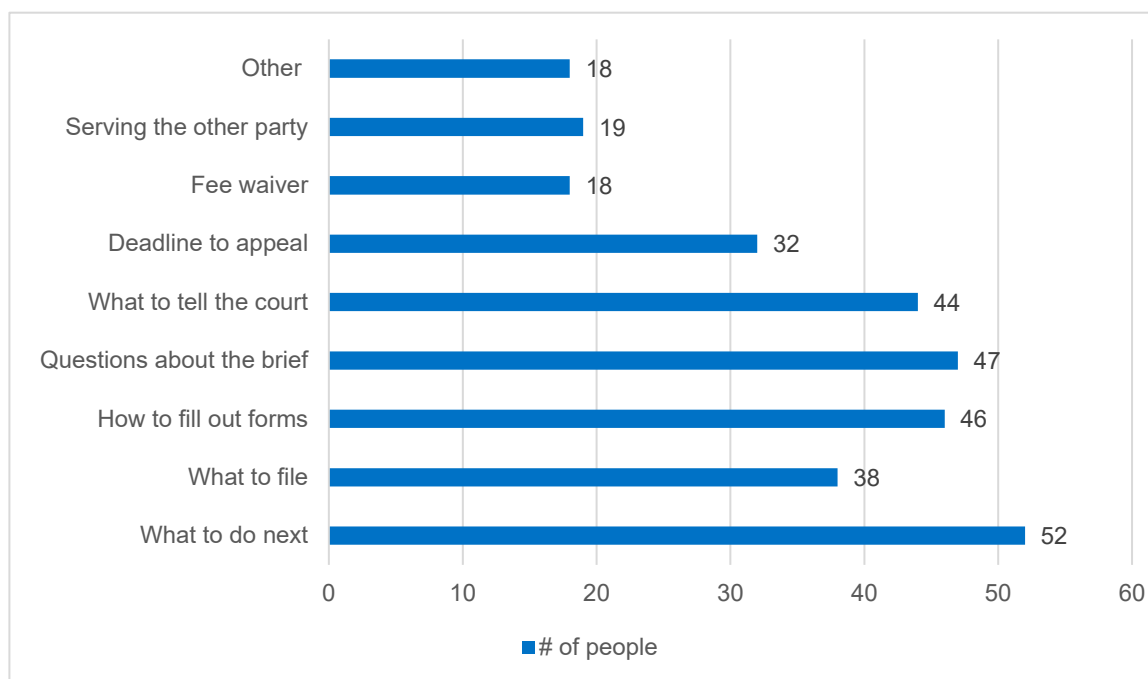
2020 REPORT

In 2020 the clinic assisted 125 people. Due to COVID-19, the clinic was changed to phone only in March, but a clinic was held every month in 2020. 90% of the customers were seeking an appeal to the Court of Appeals. Last year 25% of all appeals to the Court of Appeals involved at least one unrepresented party. In family law cases, the number was 41%. Detailed data are listed below.

Types of cases (top 4)

- Family 46%
- Civil 20%
- Juvenile (TPR, CHIPS) 7%
- Agency 7%

What questions do you have for the clinic attorney?



Why did you choose to attend the clinic? (Top 3 responses. Customers could choose more than one reason.)

- I cannot afford a lawyer 75%
- I thought I could do it myself 9%
- I don't want to spend money on an attorney 5%

Did the session help answer your questions?

- Yes 82%
- No 6%
- No answer 11%

How satisfied are you with the services offered?

- Very satisfied 62%
- Satisfied 33%
- Not satisfied 4%

Will you return for another session for more assistance?

- Yes 71%
- No 16%
- I don't know 11%

After this self-help session, which applies?

- I will represent myself 84%
- I will try to hire an attorney 12%
- I have decided not to appeal 5%

Do you receive any public assistance?

- Yes 46%
- No 39%
- Did not answer 15%

Clinic customer income

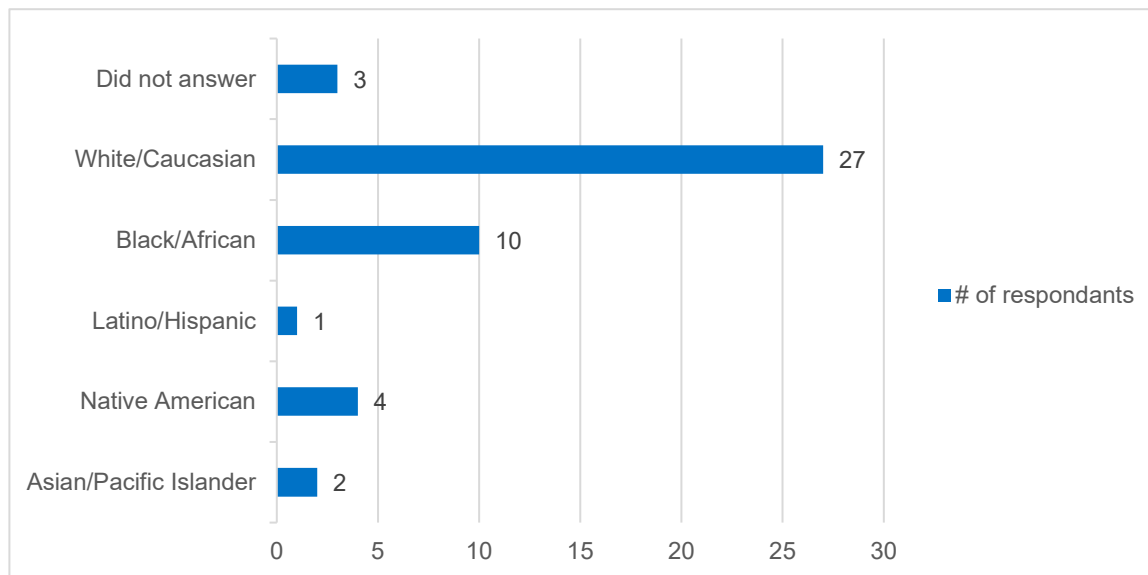
Poverty Guideline Level	Number of Participants
At or below poverty level	12
125%	7
150%	5
175%	2
200%	1
250%	5
300%	0
350%	0
Income exceeds poverty guidelines	4
Total	36*

* Most participants did not respond or did not provide sufficient information.

Do you have a physical or mental disability?

- Yes 28%
- No 65%
- Did not answer 7%

Race/Ethnicity



Gender

- Male 39%
- Female 61%

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About the clinic

The Appeals Self Help Clinic, started in January 2016, is a collaboration between the Appellate Practice Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Minnesota State Law Library.