



UNEMPLOYMENT APPEALS SELF HELP CLINIC 2023 REPORT

In 2023 the clinic assisted 34 people. (Two people attended more than once.) The clinic continued to be held only by telephone. In 2023 cases with at least one pro se party constituted 87% of unemployment appeal case filings. There were a total of 54 unemployment cases filed in the Court of Appeals (a 41% decrease from 2022).

Clinic Details

Typically, the clinic operates twice per month. Clinic customers speak with volunteer attorneys for approximately 30 minutes. Prior to calling the customer, the attorney reviews both the customer's initial decision from the unemployment law judge and the decision in response to the request for reconsideration.

Number of Appeals Filed

18 of the clinic customers (53%) decided not to file an appeal after consulting with the clinic attorney.

Clinic Customers Who Received Full Representation

Four customers were referred to the Pro Bono Pro Bono Appellate Panel (MSBA Appellate Practice Section).

Appeal Outcomes

Description of Outcome	# of Cases	# of Clinic Customers Represented
Appeals Dismissed No brief filed – 1 Untimely - 5 Dismissed & Remanded - 1	7	0
ULJ Affirmed	8	3
Remanded	1	1

Information Being Sought:

Q. What sort of information are you seeking? (31 answered)	
<i>Answer</i>	<i>Number of Responses</i>
Deadline to appeal	10
How to fill out forms	12
How to serve the other party	13
How long will this take?	4
Questions about the appellate brief	16
What do I do next?	19

Q. How did you hear about the clinic? (31 answered)	
<i>Answer</i>	<i>Number of Responses</i>
Minnesota State Law Library	18
Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Office	11
Clerk of Appellate Court's Office	2
Court of Appeals	6
Legal Aid	1
Web search	1

Counties of Customers:

Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Morrison, Pine, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Washington

Attorney Volunteers in 2023:

Howard Bolter, Craig Brandt, Marlene Garvis, Nathan Griffin, Mary Kaczorek, Corey Kobbervig, Jonathan Reppe, Brian Rochel

State Law Library Volunteers:

Elvira Embser-Herbert, Sarah Larsen, Liz Reppe

About the Clinic:

In April 2013, the Minnesota State Law Library and the Labor and Employment Section of the MSBA started a free clinic for people contemplating an appeal to the Minnesota Court of Appeals from an agency denial of unemployment benefits. The clinic is staffed by volunteer attorneys and law library staff.