

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIARY,
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, AND THE FAMILY LAW SECTION OF
THE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
REGARDING LIMITED SCOPE REPRESENTATION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS
“UNBUNDLING”**

(Passed April 19, 2005)

WHEREAS, the judges of LOS ANGELES County Superior Court and the attorneys appearing in those courts continue to work together on ways to improve equal access to the courts for all people, and

WHEREAS, judges and attorneys recognize the growing problem of members of our community unable to afford legal representation in the civil courts, especially in the area of family law, and

WHEREAS, there is a high number of self-represented persons in Family Court who face complex and varied custody and financial issues, and

WHEREAS, limited scope representation permits a person to hire an attorney to assist with specific tasks on one or more issues in a case, while the client continues to represent him/herself in all other aspects of the case, thereby limiting the cost of legal assistance, and

WHEREAS, recent developments, including the enactment of new California Rules of Court provide guidance for attorneys offering limited scope representation in Family Court, have made the concept of limited scope representation readily available for attorneys to offer, and

WHEREAS, limited scope representation presents a way for the courts and attorneys to work together toward assisting parties with limited financial means in handling their legal matters,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The LOS ANGELES County Superior Court supports limited scope representation in family law cases, and will honor agreements made by attorneys to provide limited scope representation, and will not expect an attorney to go beyond the limits set by the attorney’s contract with his or her client.**
- The LOS ANGELES Bar Association supports limited scope representation, and will assist attorneys through training, and will establish a limited scope representation panel for the Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service.**
- The Bench and Bar will work together to inform the public of the availability of limited scope representation.**