

Uniform Protocol for Limited Assistance Representation Training in the Massachusetts Trial Court

The requirements of this Uniform Protocol for Limited Assistance Representation Training shall apply to the following court departments:

- Boston Municipal Court
- District Court
- Housing Court
- Land Court
- Probate and Family Court

To become a “qualified” Limited Assistance Representation Attorney, a licensed Massachusetts attorney must complete the following:

1. Self-Training

Attorneys must read the Limited Assistance Training Manual, available on the Trial Court website at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/programs/legal-assistance/lar-gen.html>. Attorneys may also, if they wish, view videos of in person training programs that are available at: [http://massprobono.org/library/folder.503082-Limited Assistance Representation](http://massprobono.org/library/folder.503082-Limited_Assistance_Representation)

OR

2. In Person Training

Attorneys must attend an in person training program through one of the following organizations:

- MCLE: Building Your Practice with Limited Assistance Representation
- Boston Bar Association
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Volunteer Lawyers’ Project
- Real Estate Bar Association

All approved in person training programs must use the Trial Court Limited Assistance Representation Training Manual, and must include a review of the ethical aspects of using Limited Assistance Representation in a lawyer’s practice.

Any organization not listed above that wishes to offer an LAR training program shall submit a request to the Trial Court Access to Justice Coordinator.

This Uniform Protocol amends the following court department Standing Orders only as to the requirements for becoming a “qualified” Limited Assistance Representation attorney.

- Boston Municipal Court Standing Order 1-10
- District Court Standing Order 1-11
- Housing Court Standing Order 1-10
- Land Court Standing Order 1-12