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U.S. DISTRICT COURT EXPANDS *PRO SE* PROJECT WITH PILOT EARLY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROJECT

The United States District Court, District of Minnesota, recently expanded the Minnesota Chapter Federal Bar Association's *Pro Se* Project by approving a Pilot Early Settlement Conference Project (ESCP).

Beginning March 25, 2013, and for a period of one year, the Court will test whether the ESCP assists in expediting the Court's civil docket and in improving access to justice. The distinctive feature of the pilot ESCP is the Court will allow a volunteer lawyer to enter a limited appearance for the sole purpose of assisting the *pro se* litigant with a Court-annexed early Settlement Conference.

For the attorney volunteers, the documents associated with the ESCP are available on the Court's web site at www.mnd.uscourts.gov, Court Forms, Early Settlement Conference Project. A special menu of events is available in CM/ECF on the Civil menu under the Pro Se Early Settlement Conference label.

To learn more about the *Pro Se* Project, the Pilot ESCP, and how you can volunteer as Special Settlement Conference Counsel, please contact Tiffany A. Sanders, *Pro Se* Project Coordinator, at proseproject@q.com or 612-965-3711.

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