

## Ways Clerks Can and Cannot Help You

<b>We can</b>	explain and answer questions about how the court works.	<b>We cannot</b>	tell you whether or not you should bring your case to court.
<b>We can</b>	provide the number of the local lawyer referral service, legal services program, Alabama State Bar lawyer referral service, Volunteer Lawyers Programs, and other services where legal information is available.	<b>We cannot</b>	tell you what words to use in your court papers. However, we will check your papers for completeness. For example, we check for signatures, notarization, correct county name, correct case number and presence of attachments
<b>We can</b>	give general information about court rules, procedures and practices.	<b>We cannot</b>	recommend what to say in court
<b>We can</b>	provide court schedules and information on how to get a case scheduled.	<b>We cannot</b>	give an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.
<b>We can</b>	give you information from your case file.	<b>We cannot</b>	talk to the judge for you or let you talk to the judge in private.
<b>We can</b>	give you samples of court forms that are available.	<b>We cannot</b>	change an order signed by a judge
<b>We can</b>	usually answer questions about court deadlines.	<b>We cannot</b>	tell you what deadlines apply in your case.