

## The NPADO Project - Making It Easier

National Public Automated Documents Online (NPADO) was developed to make implementing document assembly initiatives easier and less costly for courts, legal aid organizations, and pro bono programs. A project of Pro Bono Net, the national nonprofit access-to-justice network, NPADO offers programmatic and technical support in addition to the technical infrastructure necessary to offer online document assembly content.

Pro Bono Net provides more than just technical support to help NPADO participants overcome a variety of hurdles, offering assistance with collaboration building, content development, outreach, and evaluation. Available types of support include a circuit rider, training, and the NPADO community.

## HotDocs Developer Resources

- **Document Assembly E-mail List**

This is the e-mail list for access-to-justice document assembly content developers. You can get help finding consultants, job descriptions, examples of specific templates, and technical assistance. Join the list at <http://lists.lstech.org/index.html/info/hotdocs>.

- **Multi-State Developer Calls**

Content developers and project partners are invited to join Multi-State Developer Calls. The agenda consists of an update about NPADO, a presentation about an existing document assembly project, a discussion of a relevant programmatic issue (outreach, evaluation, plain language, and so on), and a short training on a technical topic. MSD Calls are held every other month, generally on the third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm Eastern. Announcements about the time of the MSD Calls go out on the e-mail list.

- **National Trainings**

The NPADO Project makes several in-person and online trainings available to the community. In-person trainings are free although programs are responsible for hotel, travel, and per diem. Online trainings are also free although programs are responsible for the cost of the conference call. Training announcements go out on the e-mail list.

- **Contributor Portal/Replication**

The NPADO Web site has a hidden area for template contributors, called the Contributor's Portal, where all of the uploaded templates are made available to the developer community for replication.

To become a template provider, you'll need to register on the NPADO server. To do this

1. Go to <http://www.npado.org>.
2. Click Register as new user.
3. Choose to Proceed as a template provider.
4. Then follow the onscreen instructions.

Once you have registered, you'll need to be approved. At that point you'll be able to upload templates and view the Contributor Portal.

## Additional Document Assembly Resources

- **Doing Documents Online**

<http://www.probono.net/link.cfm?9119>

- **Courting Judicial Partners: The Promises and Perils of Court Collaboration**

<http://www.probono.net/link.cfm?9120>

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- **Adopting HotDocs in Your Program: Your Management Guide**  
<http://www.probono.net/link.cfm?9121>
- **Meeting the Needs of Self-Represented Litigants: A2J Author**  
<http://www.probono.net/link.cfm?9122>

### **Document Assembly Examples**

- **Idaho Legal Aid Services and the Idaho Supreme Court**  
<http://idaholegalaid.org/Home/PublicWeb/SelfHelpTemp>
- **California Administrative Office of the Courts**  
<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/equalaccess/natlegsvcs.htm>

### **Next Steps**

If you are interested in participating in NPADO, please contact Kate Bladow, the NPADO Project Coordinator. She will connect you with existing projects in your area or provide you with the information and resources that you need to get a project started.