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## Access Improvement Programs

### ABLE Committee: (Anti-Bias and Legal Equality Committee):

A committee comprised of judicial officers, attorneys and citizens, its mission is to develop recommendations for maintaining “an environment in the San Diego Superior Court that is free of bias or the appearance of bias and to ensure all people using the courts, including the legal community, have experiences that are free from discrimination on any basis.”

### LEGAL HELP CLINICS:

Designed to assist litigants with the procedures involved in filing and responding to court actions. In some cases, these clinics are maintained with the assistance of the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program and the Legal Aid Society of San Diego. The court offers domestic violence and civil harassment restraining order clinics, guardianship, name and gender change, and unlawful detainer clinics.

Small claims court also has legal advisors to assist with filings, as well as a mediator to help achieve settlements short of trial.

### COLLABORATIVE COURTS & DIVERSION:

Collaborative Courts are designed to help qualified individuals in vulnerable populations achieve recovery and reduce the odds of recidivism by giving them the ability to get the help they need, avoid prison, and get back on their feet.

Drug Court, adult and juvenile (for those with a history of drug or alcohol abuse), Behavioral Health Courts (for those with serious mental illnesses), and Veterans Treatment Court (for current or former military members with mental health issues related to their service)

There are numerous diversion programs that enable qualified individuals to enter a program on terms and conditions that,