

Communicating with Unrepresented Parties
In re Air Crash Disaster Near Roselawn, Indiana on Oct. 31, 1994, 909 F. Supp. 1116, 1123
(N.D. Ill. 1995)

Attorney: Dear Unrepresented Party, I received your name from the FAA. I understand you used to work for Airline Company Inc. I have a brief independent questionnaire I would like you to respond and mail back to me at your earliest convenience. The parties seeking this information are disinterested. First question: Please describe your experience as a pilot flying in icy conditions. Question 2: Please describe any special training in flying in icy conditions that Airline Company Inc. required you to have. Question 3: Please describe the condition of the aircrafts you flew for Airline Company Inc. in particular, any issues you experienced while flying in icy conditions. The parties seeking this information are disinterested individuals. Thank you.

- What are the rules surrounding communications with unrepresented parties?
- Is this type of letter permissible? What if it was sent to receive information in the context of pending litigation against the Airline Company surrounding a plane crash?
 - o What parts of the letter are problematic?