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# Positive Experiences

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# Civil Litigation Panel

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# Advise *pro se* litigants pre-trial



# Where we come in



# What if I don't know the law...



*Please help!  
Anyone?*



**Me:** "I know ERISA and disability insurance claims. How on earth can I help?"



# How to help...



*... run for the hills!*





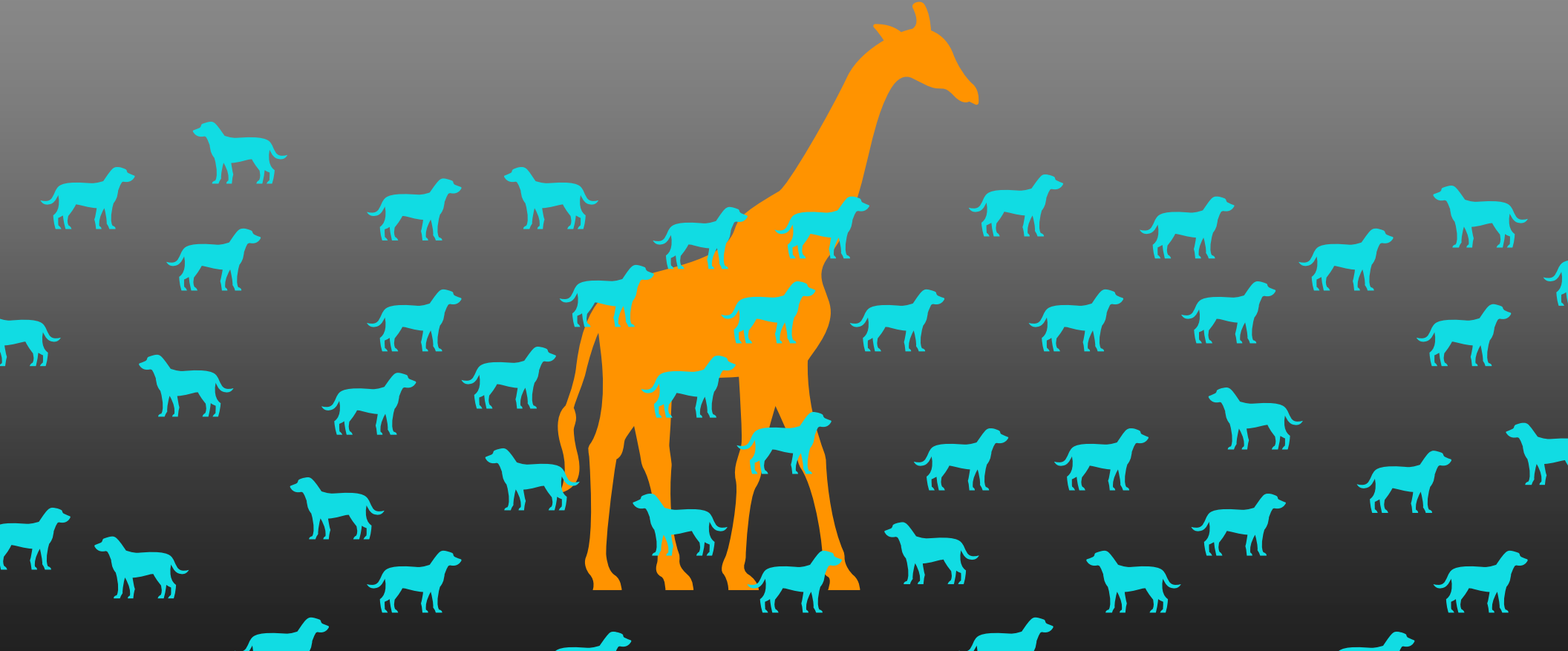
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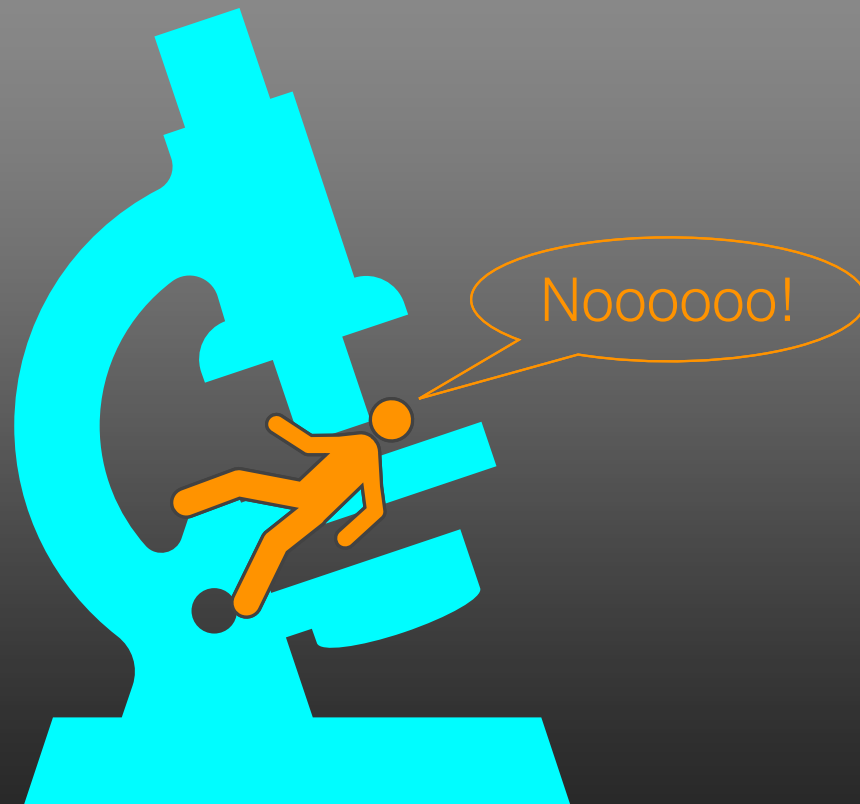
# Explain the Rules



# Motions to dismiss aren't all bad



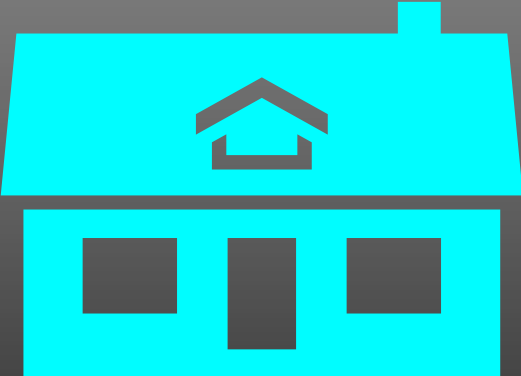
Discovery is often not their friend...



A request for more time isn't sinister...



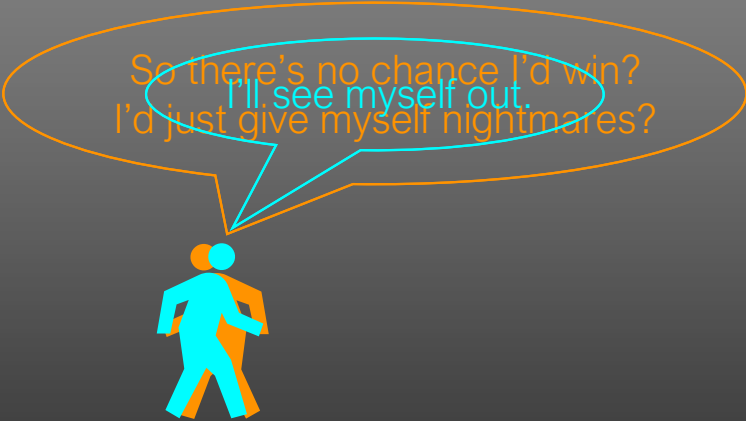
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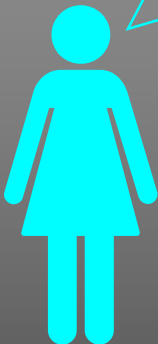


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"The volunteer attorney was upfront on what I should expect. I felt important enough to be listened to."



"Attorney explained jurisdiction and timelines and was curious and helpful."



"The meeting was extremely helpful."



"I will definitely return to follow up. Thank you."



"I very much appreciated that the attorney familiarized himself with my case and helped with next steps."



"The volunteer attorney was able to explain things at a level I can understand and was willing to help me if I needed to hear it again."

Should I volunteer?

**Yes!**

# Use your powers for good

(I don't have any  
pictures for this)

# You don't need to know the law

(You can always talk about  
the rules and procedure)

# You can give them “homework”

(Helps them learn the issues  
and see if they can do the work)

# You can help the people

(Listening is often a big part  
of what they need)

# You can help the courts

(Help sort through and  
clarify the claims)

# What about malpractice?

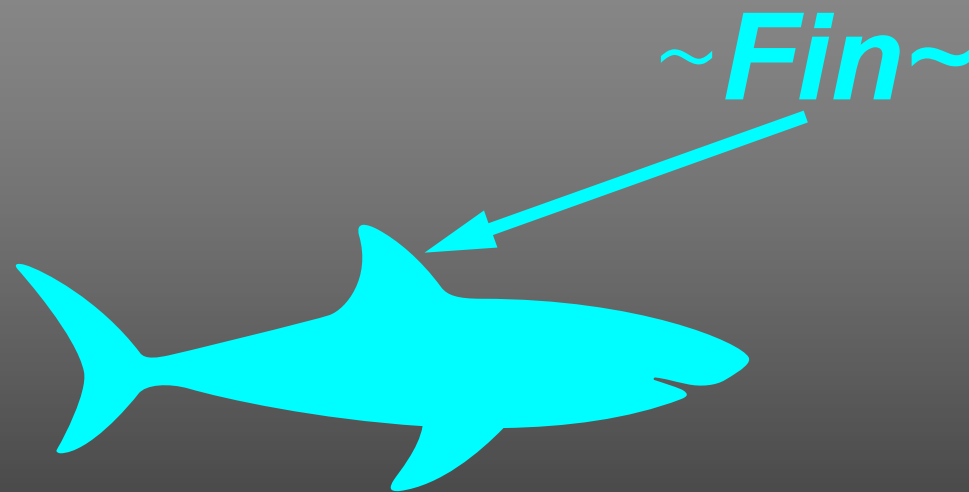
(The clinic covers you,  
The clients are grateful,  
The issues you cover are often  
quite basic, and  
You can give them homework)



Really, should I volunteer?

**Yes!**

And with that...



And time for Erin to talk about  
the Civil Litigation Panel

