

## **What Are My Rights?**

There are several basic points that you should remember throughout the judicial process that will be helpful.

- You have the right to an advocate or attorney to represent you, at your own expense. You must provide the court with a written notice announcing your representative. You must provide the opposing party(s) with your advocate or attorney's name, address, and phone number.
- Your representative must be Admitted to Practice before the Oneida Judiciary. (See Rules of Admission and/or the Referral Directory for a list of those already admitted to practice.)
- As your representative, they will receive all court notices and other information on your behalf.
- If an advocate or attorney is no longer your representative, you must notify the court and opposing party(s) in writing.
- The Peacemaking/Mediation Process is also an option. It is voluntary, provided at no cost to you, and can be requested at any time during the judicial process. (See section on Peacemaking/Mediation)