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Dear rules committee members

Is the practice book rule 7-19 intended to prohibit pro se litigants from subpoenaing witnesses to depositions? It is being applied that way.

Can you amend the practice book to specify that a pro se party can subpoena witnesses to depositions so they will have the same rights as a party who is represented?

Only being allowed to issue subpoenas for court hearings is burdensome and requires someone to work around the court's schedule.

Practice book section 7-19 (a) states

"Self-represented litigants seeking to compel the attendance of necessary witnesses in connection with the hearing of any matter shall file an application to have the clerk of the court issue subpoenas for that purpose. The application shall include a summary of the expected testimony of each proposed witness so that the court may determine the relevance of the testimony. The clerk, after verifying the scheduling of the matter, shall present the application to the judge before whom the matter is scheduled for hearing, or the administrative judge or any judge designated by the administrative judge if the matter has not been scheduled before a specific judge, which judge shall review the application."