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You may be represented in court in one of three different ways:

You may be represented by **your solicitor**;

Your solicitor may engage (instruct) **a barrister** who will represent you in court, meanwhile you will continue to be in touch with your solicitor over any thing to do with your case;

You may not have a solicitor and are **representing yourself**. This may be because you have decided that you do not want a professional to represent you, for example you have decided to make a political defence, or it may be because you cannot get legal aid and cannot afford to pay for a solicitor. If you are self representing then you are entitled to have some one stand with you in court during any court hearings. The supporting friend is called a **McKenzie friend**. See the [LDMG guide](#) for more information. Also contact [ACAB](#) if you would like to talk through your defence and get advice.