

Problem condition 9: Too-hard-to-read font



Pain point: Millions in the United States have impaired vision because of uncorrected refractive error, and many suffer vision impairment even after correction. A great many people cannot read small font or “the fine print.”



Solution: At least 12 points (or 16 pixels) font is **recommended** by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It’s important to remember your audience like counsel did in this **federal filing**: “This Complaint is submitted in 14-point type to assist Plaintiff and Co-counsel *** who is legally blind.”

Font type is also important. Lawyer and professional typographer Matthew Butterick groups fonts in **different favorability categories**. Visually complex fonts, like **Old English Text** **AT**, land on the F-list: Fatal.

Small-font examples:

- 9.1 <https://perma.cc/DM7K-3R75> (Lewis County District Court, Washington)
- 9.2 <https://perma.cc/P2CZ-7JPZ> (Bellevue Municipal Court, Ohio)
- 9.3 <https://perma.cc/N32D-UFAM> (Hillsboro Municipal Court, Ohio)

User-friendly font example:

- ✓ 9.4 <https://perma.cc/57DL-Z52F> (24th Judicial District Court, Kansas)