amicus

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How to Access

To access the prototype, go to the link below on a **laptop**:

link to prototype

From here, if part of the screen is cut off, press this icon  in the top right corner and choose **fit width and height**

Context

Amicus is a legal-support-group-finding app. Our target audience is litigants navigating the legal system who want to connect with others who are going through/have been through similar cases. Through our app, they can lean on others who understand, learn from each other's experience, and navigate the legal process together. Users can input information about a case they are going through and find in-person support groups in their area. From here, users can find and join support groups, see logistics of in-person group meetings, chat with other users within their groups, ask for advice in the group chat or on Communities (question boards for larger groups of people), save posts for later with attached notes, and become a group leader of a group.

How to Operate

To use the prototype, click on the screen just like you would on a mobile device. If you click somewhere that is not interactive, blue highlights of where you can actually click will appear.

Tools Used

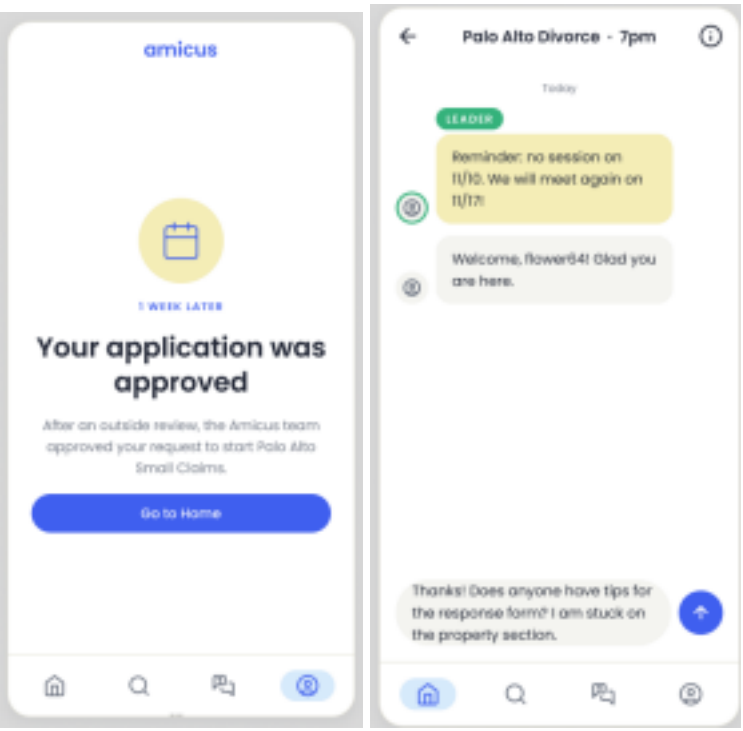
To build the prototype, Figma was used to create different flows for each task. We then connected all these screens between tasks so the prototype would be fully interactive.

Limitations

- **No real input or saved data.** Using Figma, we are not able to store or input actual data, so users have less freedom to choose what they want to input on our prototype.
- **Only controls within tasks work.** We linked just what each task needs, so some buttons are not interactive yet.
- **Placeholder visuals.** For example, what would be photos and maps are illustrations or gray boxes.

Wizard of Oz Techniques

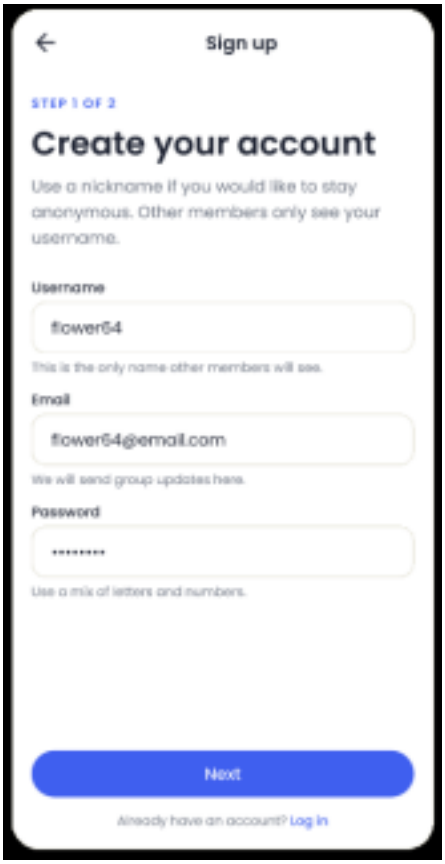
- **Dropdowns always give the same answer.** On sign-up, any state, county, or case type you pick lands on California, Santa Clara County, and Family Law. ● **Create account boxes fill themselves.** Tapping a box fills it with flower64, flower64@email.com , and a masked password, in any order, and Next turns blue once all three are filled.
- **Chat messages appear as if typed.** Tapping the message box shows the pre-written question in the box, and tapping send shows it as a sent message. ● **Leader application time skip.** After the user sends in an application to be a leader, an approval message immediately appears, when really it would take longer to be approved by another party
- **Saved posts open a scripted post.** Tapping the Paperwork note shows a pre-written post and note to self.
- **Posting to the community is faked.** The Post button shows a pre-made post under “flower64 (you).”
- **Gray placeholder lines mark what isn’t clickable.** In lists, only the tappable option shows real text.



Instant approval message Auto-filled text

Hard-coded Items

- **People:** the username flower64, the group leader sunnyday, and the post authors jmart, lemontree and riverstone.
- **Groups:** Palo Alto Divorce (7pm Tuesdays, Mitchell Park Library), Palo Alto Small Claims (7pm Wednesdays), Palo Alto RO, and "14 members."
- **Dates and counts:** Tue Nov 3 and Nov 17, Wed Nov 4, "Sessions attended: 2," and "Saved: 2 posts."
- **Written content:** the five leader rules, the chat messages (leader reminder, welcome, your question), the community post text, the Paperwork saved post, and the note "do tmrw."
- **Form values:** the dropdown lists (states and counties), the placeholder email, and the form answers for the new group (Palo Alto, Palo Alto Small Claims). • **Visuals:** the tree and courthouse illustrations and the map placeholder.



Auto-filled sign-up

Why Limitations Were Necessary

- Figma prototypes link pre-made screens. They can't run logic, take real input, or store data.
- We want to use our prototype to test how people move through specific tasks, not on preferred content, so we built only the screens and controls those tasks need, and used placeholder content and visuals.