



The Pro Bono Collection:

An Alphabetical Guide to Past
Grantees & The Resources They
Provide

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How to Use This Guide

The following pages contain a list of online and offline resources made available by past American College of Bankruptcy Foundation (ACBF) pro bono grantees. Before applying for a grant, please review the resources currently available to see if your project ideas have already been implemented in other states by other legal aid organizations.

Section One of this document lists past ACBF pro bono grantees in alphabetical order who have online materials available. Clicking on each organization's name will direct you to their home page. The description of resources available often contains another link to bankruptcy-specific materials. Many of the sites contain helpful videos, PDF pamphlets, and articles of interest for both pro bono clinics and consumers.

Section Two of this document lists past ABCF pro bono grantees in alphabetical order who have made resource materials available offline. You must contact these organizations directly to request a copy of their materials.

Section Three of this document lists past ABCF pro bono grantees who are willing to be contacted should you desire to learn more about how their grant funds were used.

Current Pro Bono Resources

1 MATERIALS AVAILABLE ONLINE

1.1 [ALAMEDA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION](#)

Alameda County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Organization links to LawHelpCA.org, which provides free information on nearly all areas of the law. [Click here](#) to view a wide variety of bankruptcy resources, including videos produced by the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts as well as PDF documents produced by the Federal Trade Commission and the Administrative Offices of the U.S. Courts. VLSC held a training for bankruptcy attorneys on working with pro se litigants. The training was recorded and is available to new volunteers as well as volunteers needing a refresher. The training video can be requested by contacting VLSC directly.

1.2 [ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES](#)

[Click here](#) for a two-day video series of lectures targeted at educating Arizona attorneys on bankruptcy practice. The videos cover Professionalism, Client Relations, Bankruptcy Schedules & Exemptions Selection, Means Test & Dealing with the US Trustee's Office, and Chapters 7, 11, and 13.

1.3 [ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FUND, INC. D/B/A CITY BAR JUSTICE CENTER](#)

[Click here](#) and search the many listings under Brochures for information ranging from personal bankruptcy to understanding reaffirmation agreements to medical debt and debtor's rights. The information is not specific to New York.

1.4 [ATLANTA LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.](#)

[Click here](#) to view Atlanta Legal Aid Society's library of resources, including the consumer-targeted video *Is Bankruptcy Right for You?*

1.5 [CITY BAR JUSTICE CENTER](#)

Click on the following links to view their online resources entitled [Filing Bankruptcy: Know the Basics](#) and [Bankruptcy: Fresh Start after a Natural Disaster](#).

1.6 [CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ASSISTANCE PROJECT – FRESH START CLINIC](#)

[Click here](#) to view the Consumer Bankruptcy Resource Manual, which contains an overview of consumer bankruptcy law and bankruptcy procedures and outlines the differences between Chapter 7 and Chapter 13, as well as other information. The manual contains general and state-specific information.

1.7 [CONSUMER EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES](#)

[Click here](#) to view CENTS' complete list of consumer resources. Topics include money FAQs, student loan videos, an online financial evaluator, and their SmartBorrowing workbook (a downloadable PDF) and the SmartBorrowing YouTube video link.

1.8 [CREDIT ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION](#)

A wealth of information for high school- and college-aged students and their parents in video and PDF format. Resources are organized under tabs for Students, Parents, Educators, and Volunteers.

1.9 [DADE LEGAL AID-PUT SOMETHING BACK](#)

The self-help tab directs consumers to view the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of Florida's 36-minute streaming [video](#) which follows an individual through the bankruptcy process.

1.10 [DC BAR PRO BONO PROGRAM](#)

The DC Bar Pro Bono Program links to LawHelp.org/DC, which provides free information on nearly all areas of the law. [Click here](#) to view a wide variety of bankruptcy resources, including information produced by the U.S. Trustee Program, Dc Department of Employment Services, the Federal Trade Commission, and the DC Bar Pro Bono Program.

1.11 [ILLINOIS LEGAL AID ONLINE](#)

The website for ILAO is divided into three portals targeting Illinois residents, legal aid attorneys, and pro bono attorneys.

The resources available online for residents are presented online in article or outline format. [Is Bankruptcy Right for Me?](#) answers basic questions about the mechanics of bankruptcy, the types of bankruptcy, and the immediate and long-term effects of bankruptcy. This article is geared towards residents of Illinois and contains information pertinent to only that jurisdiction.

All of the portals, not just the debtor's portal, contain a link to a [video resource database](#). This database contains many videos about training attorneys, aiding pro se defendants, and educating viewers about bankruptcy.

1.12 [JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID, INC.](#)

JALA's website contains information for consumers in the form of self-help pamphlets. The pamphlets are arranged by category: of particular interest are those listed under [Consumer/Foreclosure Assistance](#). Pamphlet information under the heading Consumer/Bankruptcy links to the [United States Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida's page](#). This page contains documents explaining the different aspects of bankruptcy, how to file without an attorney, help and services for those facing financial hardships, and registering for Electronic Case Filing.

1.13 [THE LAW PROJECT/CHICAGO LAWYERS' COMMITTEE](#)

TLP produced a Guide for Non-Profit Organizations: Bankruptcy Issues which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

1.14 [LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON](#)

Legal Aid Services of Oregon links to OregonLawHelp.org, which provides free information on nearly all areas of the law. [Click here](#) to view a wide variety of bankruptcy resources, including videos produced by the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts as well as PDF documents produced by the Oregon State Bar, the National Consumer Law Center, and Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

1.15 [LEGAL AID SOCIETY](#)

The Legal Aid Society lists many legal aid publications for clients on their [Resources](#) page. They also link to a law library which has a [bankruptcy basics video](#), giving a brief overview of the basics and forms of bankruptcies.

1.16 [LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK](#)

Legal Assistance of Western New York provides introductory information and a general overview of bankruptcy on its [bankruptcy webpage](#). The article provides information on what debts will and will not be discharged in bankruptcy, what the various forms of bankruptcy are, and what properties may be exempted from bankruptcy, among other topics.

1.17 [LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION OF DELAWARE, INC.](#)

The website contains a bankruptcy library for the consumer. Pamphlets, articles, and websites can be accessed through [this link](#) and focus on topics ranging from bankruptcy basics to credit reports and foreclosure prevention. The information is both general and state-specific (Delaware and Maryland).

1.18 [MONTANA LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION](#)

MLSA produced a [two-page PDF pamphlet](#) giving a brief overview on the forms of bankruptcy. The pamphlet advises on the effects and considerations surrounding bankruptcy proceedings.

1.19 [NATIONAL CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY RIGHTS CENTER](#)

The Resources tab on NCBRC's website links to the National Consumer Law Center's [consumer education brochures](#). Brochures are arranged by topic. They contain bankruptcy-specific information, including a basic bankruptcy brochure, how to use credit wisely after bankruptcy, and information about a consumer's legal rights before and after bankruptcy.

1.20 [NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION](#)

NLSA's Legal Resources tab contains [consumer information](#) specific to the bankruptcy field as well as a link to [PA LawHelp.org](http://PALawHelp.org), which has resources about bankruptcy issues in Pennsylvania. The Resources tab also contains [Self-Help \(Pro Se\) materials](#).

1.21 [NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP](#)

NYLAG produced and distributed two newsletters to all financial counselors at the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs' Financial Empowerment Centers, to arm them with information and facts so they could best serve their clients. The newsletters have also been reworked for a broader audience of partners and posted on the NYLAG website: <http://nylag.org/units/general-legalservices/projects/consumer-protection-project>.

1.22 [THE PRO BONO PROJECT](#)

The Pro Bono Project links to LouisianaLawHelp.org, which provides free information on nearly all areas of the law. [Click here](#) to view a wide variety of bankruptcy resources, including videos produced by the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts as well as PDF documents produced by the State of Louisiana, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the LA State Bar Association, and the Federal Trade Commission.

1.23 [PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND](#)

The Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC) website contains a link to the Peoples Law Library (PLL). PLL devotes a portion of their resources section to [consumer bankruptcy articles](#) which include a brief overview of bankruptcy, bankruptcy FAQs, Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 details, and where to file for bankruptcy.

1.24 [SOUTH CAROLINA LEGAL SERVICES](#)

The South Carolina Legal Services website links to LawHelp.org/SC, which provides free information on nearly all areas of the law. [Click here](#) to view a wide variety of bankruptcy resources, including videos produced by the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts as well as PDF documents produced by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and the South Carolina Bar Association.

1.25 [VOLUNTEER LAWYERS NETWORK](#)

The VLN website covers a wealth of information for the consumer as well as pro bono attorneys. [The VLN Clinics Wiki](#) contains legal resources for legal advice and brief legal services, referral resources, information about VLN clinics and community partners, and detailed information about VLN services. The website also links to LawHelpMN.org, which provides free information on nearly all areas of the law. [Click here](#) to view a wide variety of bankruptcy resources provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, the Federal Trade Commission, Legal Services State Support, and the Farmers' Legal Action Group.

2 MATERIALS AVAILABLE OFFLINE

2.1 [BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES](#)

Debtor's Rights & Bankruptcy Clinic Outline (September 2013)

An outline used to educate the public regarding debtor and consumer issues.

Contact Bet Tzedek at 323-939-0506 for more information.

2.2 [CATHOLIC CHARITIES](#)

Catholic Charities produced a number of English and Spanish brochures, powerpoint presentations, surveys, and flyers on bankruptcy and debtor's rights.

Contact Catholic Charities at 312-655-7700 for more information.

2.3 [MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES](#)

Nuts and Bolts of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy

This 22 page Word document is a basic outline of the Bankruptcy process and functions. It explains some of the differences between the different chapters, but the main focus of the document is Chapter 7. The document outlines the necessity of complying with local rules and practice, but is not keyed specifically to any locality; it should be of general utility. The document is designed to be used in a class that explains the bankruptcy process to pro bono attorneys who are taking on bankruptcy clients.

Contact Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service at 410-539-6800 for more information.

2.4 [MEMPHIS AREA LEGAL SERVICES](#)

Answers to Common Questions About Bankruptcy

This 40 page brochure was created by volunteer attorney Bruce Ralston for Memphis Area Legal Services in 2008, but was updated in 2012. The brochure is a plain-language guide to the basics of bankruptcy that explains the steps of bankruptcy, the differences between the chapters, and the benefits and repercussions of bankruptcy, among other topics. Though the brochure describes only the general concepts of bankruptcy, it explicitly states that the brochure is relevant only to the bankruptcy laws and procedures of Tennessee. The brochure is a helpful introduction to bankruptcy because it succinctly answers most of the basic questions of bankruptcy in common vernacular.

Bankruptcy Basics – PowerPoint Presentation

The PowerPoint presentation highlights the key concepts and terms of a bankruptcy filing. It discusses the advantages and disadvantages of bankruptcy, the debts discharged by a bankruptcy, the chapters of bankruptcy, and other rudimentary subjects. The presentation does not appear to be tailored to the bankruptcy laws of Tennessee; it appears applicable to all states.

Contact Memphis Area Legal Services at 901-523-8822 for more information.

2.5 PUBLIC COUNSEL

Public Counsel has created a Total and Permanent Disability Discharge for Federal Student Loans packet which is available by contacting Public Counsel at 213-385-2977.

2.6 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

The Pro Bono Bankruptcy Program at Rutgers-Camden has prepared numerous materials for use in training students and volunteers, ranging from training agendas to student training materials and client appointment confirmation letters.

Contact Rutgers-Camden at 856-225-6263 for more information.

3 ACBF GRANTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE)

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Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.

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Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.

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