



PRO BONO PROGRAM

## Bankruptcy Training for Pro Bono Attorneys: 2-Part Series

**Wednesday, January 8 and Friday, January 10, 2014**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (both days)

D.C. Bar Conference Center

1101 K Street NW, First Floor, Washington DC 20005-4210

PRESENTED BY the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program, with support from the American College of Bankruptcy and the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation. The training is sponsored by our friends at Catholic Charities Legal Network of the Archdiocese of Washington and Legal Counsel for the Elderly. The training is cosponsored by the D.C. Bar Antitrust & Consumer Law Section, Corporation, Finance & Securities Law Section, and Litigation Section.

For working people who live paycheck-to-paycheck, a prolonged illness or a layoff can mean financial disaster, despite the most careful budgeting. Seventy-five percent more personal bankruptcy petitions were filed in the District of Columbia in 2012 than 2006, a significant portion of which were filed *pro se*.

Two main types of relief are available to individual debtors under the federal Bankruptcy Code: (1) Chapter 7, where the debtor's nonexempt assets are sold to pay creditors while most of the debtor's debts are discharged; and (2) Chapter 13, where the debtor prepares a plan to pay off creditors. This course is prepares attorney volunteers to provide much-needed legal representation to Chapter 7 debtors through the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program Bankruptcy Clinic.

The Bankruptcy training will cover:

- Client Interview Procedures
- Case Screening and Evaluation
- Pre-Bankruptcy Remedies
- Overview of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code
- Automatic Stay
- Completion of Schedules
- Exemptions
- Discharge Provisions
- Conflicts of Interest

**PLEASE NOTE:** This Training is appropriate for attorneys and attorney/paralegal teams (paralegals must attend with an attorney). No particular expertise is required to participate. Volunteers from firms that represent major banks, credit card companies, and other common creditors should contact the Pro Bono Program for more information before registering for this training. Attorneys must be admitted to practice before the highest court of any state and must be willing to file a certificate stating that the attorney is providing representation without compensation.

Training participants must agree to accept two pro bono referrals from the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program Bankruptcy Clinic within twelve months after completing the training. Malpractice insurance is provided by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program for cases referred through the Bankruptcy Clinic. Pro Bono Program training sessions are not MCLE accredited.

**Registration: Online at [www.dcbar.org/probono](http://www.dcbar.org/probono).**

**\$25 for attorneys; \$15 for Paralegals; Free for Legal Services Provider employees.**

- ❖ All cancellation and refund requests for pro bono trainings conducted by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program must be received in writing seven (7) days before the training session date.
- ❖ If you require an accommodation, please contact the Pro Bono Program at 202-737-4700, ext. 3293.
- ❖ Breakfast and/or Lunch will NOT be served at either session. Coffee & refreshments will be provided by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program.

Questions about the Training Program?

Contact Shannon Redd, staff attorney and training manager at [sredd@dcbar.org](mailto:sredd@dcbar.org).