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# CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY PROJECT



# The Project

The City Bar Justice Center's Consumer Bankruptcy Project provides legal assistance to debtors filing for bankruptcy pro se through volunteer attorneys. The Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel provides representation to those pro se debtors who need help in court on contested matters.

## What We Do

The Pro Bono Consumer Bankruptcy Project meets the ever-increasing requests for assistance from debt burdened low-income New Yorkers and provides high quality legal assistance to this under-served group.

The Project recruits, trains, and mentors volunteer attorneys to advise low-income consumers of their rights and responsibilities regarding outstanding debts.

Where appropriate, volunteers prepare the forms and schedules necessary for a debtor to file a pro se Chapter 7 case and advise the debtor on the steps needed to successfully obtain a discharge. This Project allows clients who would otherwise be unable to file due to an inability to retain counsel to reorder their finances and obtain an economic "fresh start."

The Project enables attorneys to provide a much-needed service during scheduled sessions. Minimal Training is required and direct client contact is extensive.

The Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel provides pro bono representation in matters referred to bankruptcy judges of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. The Panel is comprised of volunteer attorneys who represent pro se debtors in discrete litigated matters relating to their bankruptcy cases, such as the discharge of student loans and stay relief.

Participation on the Panel does not obligate attorneys to accept a pro bono assignment. Rather, panelsits agree to be contacted when a matter arises and to consider providing representation. Matters referred to the panelists call for a manageable time commitment and are generally completed over a period of weeks or months. The Panel affords an outstanding opportunity for junior attorneys to gain significant court experience and allows attorneys of all levels to have a meaningful impact on a pro se debtor's ability to achieve an economic "fresh start."

## Get Involved!

Join the Consumer Bankruptcy Project as a pro bono volunteer attorney. We periodically train volunteers to assist consumers filing for bankruptcy.

CLE credit for pro bono work is available.

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