

United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of North Carolina
Pro Bono Services Program Information

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of North Carolina is pleased to announce the establishment of a pro bono program to help provide assistance to certain unrepresented parties that are unable to employ an attorney on their own behalf.

Types of Cases: This program is available to parties in adversary proceedings or parties involved in a contested matter in the main bankruptcy case. The program does NOT provide for representation in the preparation or filing of a bankruptcy petition or for general representation in a bankruptcy case.

Who is Eligible: The program is intended for those who do not have the financial ability to employ an attorney to act on their behalf in an adversary proceeding or contested matter. If you have the financial ability to hire an attorney to act on your behalf, the court strongly encourages you to do so.

How to Apply: Each individual seeking pro bono representation must complete the attached application and submit it to the Clerk of Court. The application form requires the applicant to provide complete, accurate, and current information about the applicant's income and assets, as well as other pertinent financial information. The determination of whether to appoint a volunteer attorney will be made by the court. In evaluating the application, the court may, if relevant, examine the applicant's bankruptcy schedules and statement of financial affairs. The court may also require the applicant to provide proof of income or assets, such as recent pay stubs or bank account statements.

Scope of Representation: If the application for pro bono services is granted, the court will enter an order appointing a volunteer attorney to provide representation. The appointed attorney will provide representation for the entire adversary proceeding or until resolution of the contested matter, unless the court relieves the attorney of the appointment. The appointed attorney will NOT provide representation in any part of the case outside of the scope specified in the order.

Case Costs: Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the applicant must pay any filing fee that is required by law. Arrangements for payment of litigation costs other than a filing fee must be made between the represented party and the pro bono counsel. If the applicant recovers an award, the court may order the applicant to reimburse counsel for any advanced costs and, in the case of an extraordinary recovery, may require payment of attorneys' fees.

Questions: Any question regarding the pro bono program should be directed to:

Reid Wilcox, Clerk of Court
ATTN: Pro Bono Program
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
101 S. Edgeworth Street
Greensboro, NC 27401
(336) 358-4000

**United States Bankruptcy Court
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Application for Pro Bono Services**

Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Adversary Proceeding Number, if applicable.: _____

1. Are you presently employed? Yes _____ No _____

(a) If the answer is "yes," state the amount of your salary or wages per month and give the name and address of your employer. [List both gross and net (after taxes) wages].

(b) If the answer is "no," state the date of last employment and the amount of the salary and wages per month which you received. [List both gross and net (after taxes) wages].

2. Within the past 12 months, have you received money from any of the following sources:

(a) Income from self-employment? Yes _____ No _____

(b) Rent payments, interest, or dividends? Yes _____ No _____

(c) Pensions, annuities, or life insurance payments? Yes _____ No _____

(d) Gifts or inheritances? Yes _____ No _____

(e) Social security, workers' compensation, or disability? Yes _____ No _____

(f) Any other sources? Yes _____ No _____

If yes to any of the above, describe each source of money and state the amount received from each during the past twelve months:

3. Do you have money in a checking account? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, state the total amount: _____

4. Do you have money in a savings account? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, state the total amount: _____

5. Do you possess any cash? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, state the total amount: _____

6. Do you own any real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, life insurance policies (cash value), 401k plans or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, describe each property and state its approximate value.

7. List each person who is dependent upon you for support. State the person's age and relationship to you. Indicate how much you contribute toward his/her support. **DO NOT LIST THE NAMES OF MINOR CHILDREN.**

8. Have you made attempts to hire an attorney to represent you in this litigation?
Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe your efforts.

9. Please list any other factors, not identified above, that you believe support your application for pro bono services:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Current Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Please return application to:

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