

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 applicant's bankruptcy schedules and statement of financial affairs may be examined when the application is evaluated. The applicant may also be required to provide proof of income or assets, such as recent pay stubs or bank account statements.

Scope of Representation: After review of the application is complete, the court may 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
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