



Quick Resource Guides: Bankruptcy

How to:

Filing for Bankruptcy Without an Attorney

<http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/filing-without-an-attorney>

This website has been prepared by U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California. It gives an overview of the bankruptcy process, with links to informational videos, approved credit counseling agencies, and required court forms. **Website also has a Helpdesk Chat widget to contact an agent.**

Bankruptcy Basics

<https://www.uscourts.gov/court-programs/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics>

Bankruptcy Basics provides general information about federal bankruptcy laws and the bankruptcy process.

Forms

Bankruptcy Forms (All): <https://www.uscourts.gov/forms-rules/forms/bankruptcy-forms>

Bankruptcy Forms, Northern District of California: <https://www.canb.uscourts.gov/forms/district>

Forms for the Northern District of California; can also find specific forms to Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, and Santa Rosa.

Upsolve.org: <https://upsolve.org/>

Upsolve is a non-profit organization that provides free tools to help users analyze their financial situation and offers options for managing debt. Includes an app to help users fill out bankruptcy forms and file them in Bankruptcy Court.

Library Books

Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Keep Your Property & Repay Debts Over Time

KF1524.85 .O54 2024, shelf 108B. Also available as an eBook through Nolo Press (Ebsco).

How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Also available as an eBook

KF1524.85 .E4 2023, shelf 108B. Also available as an eBook through Nolo Press (Ebsco).

California Practice Guide: Bankruptcy

KF1524 .C34 2007, shelf 107A. Also available as an eBook through Westlaw.

Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Practice

KF1524 .S65 2023, shelf 107A. Also available as an eBook through NCLC.

Free Legal Help

Bay Area Legal Aid

1735 Telegraph Ave. Oakland, CA (510) 663-4744
Bankruptcy counseling and advice.

Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program (CLASP)

<https://lawlibrary.alamedacountyca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Virtual-CLASP-Flyer.pdf>

Free all-topics telephone legal clinic on the first Saturday/month. Volunteer attorneys speak with individuals for 15-20 minutes.

To make an appointment, call the intake line at (510) 485-9933 between 10:00 am - noon on the first Saturday/month and an attorney will call you back later that day.

United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California

Pro Bono Services available for self-represented litigants filing in the Bankruptcy Court.

<https://www.canb.uscourts.gov/pro-se-pro-bono-services>

Hire an Attorney

ACBA Lawyer Referral Service- (510) 302-2222 x4

\$40.00 for attorney referral and 30-minute consultation. Attorneys charge \$200 – 400/hour for services. Can also self-book consultations online: <https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/>

California State Bar

The [California State Bar](https://www.calbar.ca.gov/) (<https://www.calbar.ca.gov/>) lists basic information about all attorneys registered to practice law in the state of California. In addition, the site also provides an [attorney referral service](#) for the public to find qualified attorneys in their county.

<https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public>

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