



# **United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of California**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Volunteer Bankruptcy Attorneys Needed to Staff Legal Clinics**

The Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project is seeking bankruptcy attorneys willing to volunteer their services to help low-income individuals involved in adversary proceedings. The BPBP is a cooperative effort of the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Northern District of California and numerous Bay Area bar associations and non-profit groups.

The BPBP sponsors legal clinics in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, and Pleasant Hill and in Marin and Sonoma counties. Volunteer attorneys are needed to staff the clinics, which provide free, limited legal advice to persons who cannot afford legal counsel.

“The people who come to BPBP clinics generally have nowhere else to turn. Helping them is a very laudable effort by the bar,” said Chief Bankruptcy Judge Randall J. Newsome of the Northern District.

In addition to the bankruptcy court, BPBP members include the Northern District of California Bench-Bar Liaison; Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum; bankruptcy sections of the Bar Associations of San Francisco and Alameda counties; Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco; Alameda County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Corporation; Contra Costa County Bar Association; The Law Center (Contra Costa County); John F. Kennedy School of Law; the Contra Costa-Solano Center for Consumer Law and Self-Help; and the Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley.

To participate in the BPBP clinics, contact Wendy Kan at the bankruptcy court, (415) 268-2340, email: [pro\\_bono@canb.uscourts.gov](mailto:pro_bono@canb.uscourts.gov). Information regarding pro bono services is also available on the court's website at: <http://www.canb.uscourts.gov>.

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