

Orlando Clinic Provides Foundation for Additional Clinics Nationwide

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The success of the Orlando Bankruptcy *Pro Se* Clinic is well known. That initial success is now spreading across the country. The Orlando Clinic's operations has turned the heads of other Bankruptcy Bars in Missouri, Georgia, Delaware and Nevada who have, or are in the process of, implementing their own version of a *pro se* clinic.

Notably, the St. Louis Bankruptcy *Pro Se* Assistance Clinic secured \$20,000.00 to help fund the creation and operation of a similar *pro se* clinic. "Bar leaders from other Districts have asked us to provide the roadmap for funding, operating and maintaining a successful *pro se* clinic." says Justin Luna, a founder of the Orlando Clinic. "Orlando is happy to assist and share any and all resources we have to help expand similar clinics across the country."

Additionally, the implementation and continued operations of clinics in Jacksonville, Tampa and (soon) Ft. Myers have taken root. As a result, in July 2015, the Middle District Divisions banded together to form the Middle District of Florida *Pro Se* Bankruptcy Legal Assistance Clinic, Inc. in order to implement uniform procedures District-Wide for all divisional clinics and achieve consistency and efficiency in the administration of all divisional clinics. Over the past year, the Middle District clinics have assisted close to 800 individuals with the help of dozens of attorney volunteers. The current board members of the Middle District Clinic Entity are Justin Luna, Jeff Ainsworth, Jake Blanchard, Anna Haugen, Jill Kelso, Luis Rivera and Andrew Roy.

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