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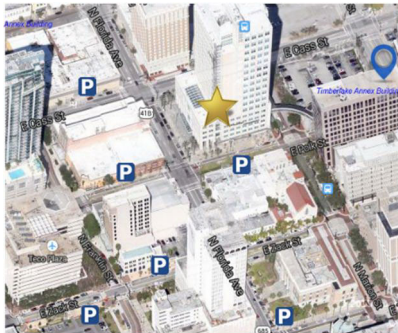
## **Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Clinic**

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The Middle District of Florida Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Clinic is a nonprofit charitable organization comprised of attorney member volunteers in collaboration with the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association.

The Clinic is staffed by experienced bankruptcy lawyers and offers free, on-site information and guidance to individuals who are representing themselves in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The lawyer volunteers at the clinic can help the pro se individual understand the bankruptcy process and provided limited case-specific advice, but they cannot represent the individual in court or file pleadings. Because it is a volunteer program, they are not permitted to solicit clients while they are providing free consultations for the clinic; nor should they use the sessions to talk about representing you. The volunteer attorneys do not give further advice on any issues outside the clinic. **The Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Clinic is not affiliated or related in any way to the United States Bankruptcy Court.**

**Every Wednesday  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.  
No appointments necessary**



**Location:  
Sam M. Gibbons, U.S. Courthouse  
801 N. Florida Ave., (9<sup>th</sup> Floor- Room 964)  
Tampa, FL 33602.**

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### **VIRTUAL ASSISTANCE IS ALSO AVAILABLE**

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The Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association can provide telephone consultations in many cases with volunteer counsel at no charge by appointment. To request an appointment email- [tbbaprobonoclinic@gmail.com](mailto:tbbaprobonoclinic@gmail.com).

WHAT WE DO	WHAT WE DO NOT DO
<p>Provide limited legal advice and information on bankruptcy issues in the Middle District of Florida.</p> <p>Assist you in preparing court documents.</p> <p>Provide referrals to other legal aid organizations and other resource information.</p>	<p>We <b>DO NOT</b> give advice on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Criminal legal issues</li> <li>-State court cases</li> <li>-Non-bankruptcy related issues</li> <li>-Appeal issues</li> <li>-Tax advice</li> </ul> <p>We <b>DO NOT</b> provide representation in court and will not represent you as your attorney.</p> <p>We <b>DO NOT</b> file pleadings on your behalf, but can assist you in preparing pleadings that you can file.</p>

### WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO BRING?

Bring the most recent court papers that were served on you or that you filed with the court.

Bring all documents, contracts, and paperwork related to your case; including the bankruptcy schedules of assets, liabilities, income, and forms 122 (the means test).

Identify any deadlines and tell us about them first.

Be sure to have your bankruptcy case number if the case has been filed.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN I ARRIVE AT THE CLINIC?

You will need to complete an intake form and liability waiver at the clinic before an attorney can see you. We will take individuals on a first come first serve basis.

### HOW LONG IS MY CONSULTATION?

Consultations can take up to 30 minutes, though often can be completed quicker. We may need to limit the time for consultations if a number of people are waiting.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

You can obtain additional information at: [http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/filing\\_without\\_attorney](http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/filing_without_attorney)  
Also be sure to watch the video on what goes on in a bankruptcy case at: [www.flmb.uscourts.gov/bankruptcybasics/](http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/bankruptcybasics/). (available en Espanol and Creole).

People involved in some specific disputes may qualify for a free attorney, depending on their income level. Information on the Court's Legal Assistance Program for Low Income Parties involved in certain adversary proceedings and contested matters may be obtained at the Court's 5<sup>th</sup>-floor intake office or at:

[http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/filing\\_without\\_attorney\\_1/legalAssistance.htm](http://www.flmb.uscourts.gov/filing_without_attorney_1/legalAssistance.htm).