

Volunteers Needed for Virtual Pro Se Clinic

The Middle District of Florida Bankruptcy Pro Se Clinic provides pro se litigants with the opportunity to schedule an appointment for a free thirty-minute virtual consultation. During 2024, the Clinic hosted 671 virtual consultations, consisting of 317 in Orlando, 207 in Tampa, 127 in Jacksonville, and 37 in Fort Myers. The Clinic hopes to help many more people in 2025. As set forth in the chart below, there are ample consultation slots available in the Jacksonville and Fort Myers Divisions, but we could use more volunteers in the Orlando and Tampa Divisions. Please consider donating thirty minutes of your time each week to those in need.

Pro Se Clinic virtual appointment availability for each division as of January 27:

| | Avail Start | 2 weeks | 30 days | 60 days | All Avail |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fort Myers | 1/31/2025 | 2/9/2024 | 2/23/2025 | 3/23/2025 | 1/24/2026 |
| | | 34 | 83 | 182 | 1283 |
| Jacksonville | 1/28/2025 | 2/9/2024 | 2/23/2025 | 3/23/2025 | 1/25/2026 |
| | | 188 | 399 | 819 | 5439 |
| Orlando | 2/3/2025 | 2/9/2024 | 2/23/2025 | 3/23/2025 | 1/24/2026 |
| | | 12 | 38 | 94 | 710 |
| Tampa | 2/3/2025 | 2/9/2024 | 2/23/2025 | 3/23/2025 | 1/24/2026 |
| | | 9 | 32 | 80 | 608 |
| Middle District | | 243 | 552 | 1175 | 8040 |

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The link for attorneys to volunteer is: <u>Attorney Account - Middle District of Florida Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Clinic</u>

In addition to the virtual clinic, the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association hosts a Bankruptcy Pro Se Assistance Clinic on the fourth Wednesday of every month (except for November and December, which occur on the third Wednesday) from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse 300 North Hogan Street, Rooms 4303 and 4403, Jacksonville. The Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association also hosts a pro se clinic every Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Tampa Courthouse at 801 North Florida Avenue, 9th Floor Attorney Resource Room, Tampa.

For more information and details on the accomplishments of the District's Pro Bono efforts for 2024, please see the article on page 39.