

Online Resources

Please review the following information before you file bankruptcy. These websites will answer many of your questions and help you determine how to proceed. If you do not have internet access, you may view this information using computers in the lobby of the Clerk's Office at either the Tallahassee or Pensacola location or at your local library.

About Bankruptcy: A brief explanation of the bankruptcy process and laws.

www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy

Bankruptcy Basics: This website provides information about federal bankruptcy laws and the bankruptcy process as well as a Glossary of terms you will need to know when completing your bankruptcy forms and during the bankruptcy proceeding.

www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics

Chapters Available to You: There are four chapters of bankruptcy available to an individual debtor (includes married couples). It is essential that you select the correct chapter under which to file for your bankruptcy to be successful.

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics/chapter-7-bankruptcy-basics

Chapter 11 - Reorganization of debts

www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics/chapter-11-bankruptcy-basics

Chapter 12 - Family Farmer or Family Fishermen

www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics/chapter-12-bankruptcy-basics

Chapter 13 - Individual Debt Adjustment

www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics/chapter-13-bankruptcy-basics

The Discharge in Bankruptcy: Answers to frequently asked questions regarding the discharge available to individual debtors.

www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics/discharge-bankruptcy-bankruptcy-basics

Bankruptcy Forms

To file a bankruptcy case, you must use the most recent version of the official form. The forms for filing bankruptcy are available free of charge on the Bankruptcy Forms page of the website of the United States Courts. This Court may also require that you

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Florida

Mailing Address:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
110 E. Park Ave., Ste. 100
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Court Locations and Hours:

Tallahassee

U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse
110 E. Park Ave., Ste. 100
Tallahassee, Florida

Pensacola

Winston E. Arnow Federal Bldg.
100 N. Palafox St., Ste. 154
Pensacola, Florida

Gainesville*

U.S. Courthouse
401 SE 1st Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

**Court location only; office is not staffed*

Panama City

The U.S. Courthouse in Panama City is closed indefinitely due to damage from Hurricane Michael (11/2018).

Office Hours

Offices are open to the public
Monday – Friday, excluding federal
holidays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Telephone:

(850) 521-5001 [Tallahassee]
(866) 639-4615 [Toll Free]

Website:

www.flnb.uscourts.gov

Employees of the Clerk's Office are not permitted to assist you in preparing the petition, schedules, or other documents, nor may they provide you with legal advice or attorney recommendations.

This information is intended to answer frequently asked questions and is not to be interpreted as legal advice or to serve as a complete guide as to what is required to be filed, provided, or completed in your case. This information is subject to change without notice. Please review the Court's website for the most recent information and forms.

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Provide certain additional “local” forms in your case. These forms are available on the Court’s website.

Official Bankruptcy Forms

www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms

To determine which forms you need for the bankruptcy chapter you wish to file, please carefully review Official Form B2000, Required Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Fees.

www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms/required-lists-schedules-statements-and-fees

Local Forms – Required in the Northern District of Florida only

www.flnb.uscourts.gov/forms

U.S. Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Local Rules

If you file bankruptcy without an attorney, you are required to follow the same rules and procedures as an attorney. Failure to do so could result in dismissal of the case or other sanctions.

Title 11 United States Code - the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C.)

www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/11

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (Fed. R. Bankr. P.)

www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/current-rules-practice-procedure/federal-rules-bankruptcy-procedure

Local Rules for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida (N.D. Fla. LBR)

www.flnb.uscourts.gov/court-resources/local-rules

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida

Our website contains a great deal of information for individuals who need to file bankruptcy without an attorney, including links to many of the websites listed above. Please be advised that the information contained on our website is not intended to be a substitute for legal advice.

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