

ABOUT THE CLINIC

The CBA Pro Se Bankruptcy Clinic is a new clinic created to assist pro se individuals with chapter 7 cases in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado. The Clinic offers free, limited scope legal advice via an appointment with a bankruptcy lawyer. The pro-se party continues to represent him or herself but can turn to the Clinic for general legal advice. At this time, the Clinic is only helping people with chapter 7 cases but has plans to branch out to chapter 13 cases at a future date.

Eligibility

The Pro Se Bankruptcy Clinic will assist:

- Individual debtors, creditors, or other interested parties in a bankruptcy case;
- Parties at any stage of a chapter 7 case, including pre- and post-filing;
- Parties regardless of income.

The Pro Se Bankruptcy Clinic will not assist:

- Parties to a chapter 11, 12, or 13 case;
- Non-individuals (e.g., LLCs or other corporations);
- Parties in an adversary proceeding or with appeals; or
- Incarcerated parties.

Services

The Pro Se Bankruptcy Clinic provides limited scope, general legal counsel and advice. For example, the attorney may help individuals determine if bankruptcy is a good solution to their problems, if they are eligible to file chapter 7, what the filing requirements are, and how to find and complete the required forms and how to file them. The attorney may also give advice regarding deficient filings, and complying with court orders or requests by the bankruptcy trustee. The attorney may also help individuals prepare for the meeting of creditors and explain the client's duties while in bankruptcy and what to expect at different stages of the process. However, the Clinic does not represent individuals, draft documents, investigate claims, or monitor cases. The individuals remain unrepresented and solely responsible for all aspects of their cases.

Intake Procedures

Unrepresented individuals who may benefit from the Pro Se Bankruptcy Clinic should be referred to the Clinic website where they can follow a link to initiate the intake process: <https://cobar.org/bankruptcy>. Individuals are screened for conflicts and eligibility, and must sign a limited scope services agreement before they are given an appointment to speak with a bankruptcy attorney. Once the initial intake request is completed, a Clinic staff member will follow up with the individual and, if appropriate, schedule an appointment. The initial interview will give the attorney an idea about what kind of help the individual is looking for. The actual appointment will consist of a 30- to 60- minute consultation. Follow-up appointments may be available, but not more than one every three weeks.

How to Contact Us

The Bankruptcy Pro Se Clinic is currently only operating remotely due to COVID-19, and thus appointments are by phone or via videoconference. The Clinic will have a physical location at the Bankruptcy Court when health restrictions allow. Interested individuals can call the Clinic at 720-633-8866 or fill out an intake at <https://cobar.org/bankruptcy>.