THE UNITED STATES

# SELF-HELP CENTERS: Open 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m., Monday — Friday

FOR THE DISTRICT

RIZONA

THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Free walk-in service to individuals who have filed or are considering filing bankruptcy under Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 and to individual creditors in consumer bankruptcy cases.

At Self Help Centers you may request free forms, view informational videos, or meet with a volunteer attorney, when available. <u>View the volunteer attorney schedule</u> <u>online at www.azb.uscourts.gov</u>. Free consultations with volunteer lawyers are provided on a first-come, firstserved basis, and are limited to 30 minutes, and cannot address complex bankruptcy matters. To meet with a Self Help Center volunteer attorney you must first: 1.) view an informational video; 2.) complete a questionnaire; and 3.) sign a disclaimer and acknowledgement form.

## •PHOENIX SELF HELP CENTER:

U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse, 230 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 6326, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706

#### •TUCSON SELF HELP CENTER:

James A. Walsh Courthouse, 30 S. Scott Avenue, Room 101, Tucson, AZ 85701

#### •YUMA SELF HELP CENTER:

325 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite D, Yuma, AZ 85364

#### **LAWYER REFERRAL RESOURCES:**

•State Bar of Arizona: <u>www.azbar.org</u>

- •Maricopa County Bar Assn.: (602) 257-4434 (fee)
- •Pima County Bar Assn.: (520) 623-4625 (fee)
- •Coconino County Bar Assn.: <u>www.coconinobar.info</u>

#### **FREE LEGAL HELP FOR QUALIFIED** LOW-INCOME APPLICANTS:

Contact the non-profit organizations below for details.

- Community Legal Services: <u>www.clsaz.org</u>
- Southern Arizona Legal Aid: <u>www.sazlegalaid.org</u>
- DNA-People's Legal Services: <u>www.nativelegalnet.org</u>

## **OTHER NON-PROFIT RESOURCES:**

- AZ Law Help: <u>www.azlawhelp.org</u>
- Fresh Start Women's Foundation:

www.wehelpwomen.com (602) 252-8494

• Community Information & Referral: <u>www.cir.org</u> (602) 263-8856, or 1-800-352-3792 statewide

# **SELF-HELP RESOURCES:**

Background: Bankruptcy laws help people who can no longer pay their creditors get a fresh start—by liquidating assets to pay their debts or by creating a repayment plan.
Federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction over bankruptcy cases. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona is committed to providing a high level of customer service. Accordingly, the court provides free informational resources about how the bankruptcy process works. This information should not substitute for the advice of competent legal counsel.

## **ONLINE: www.azb.uscourts.gov**

#### Debtor Help: www.azb.uscourts.gov/DebtorHelp The

person filing the case is called the "Debtor." The Debtor Help link contains basic information a debtor may need to know during the bankruptcy process. The Debtor Help information is organized into these categories: "*Before You File*," "*When You File*," "*After You File*," and "*Frequently Asked Questions*" (FAQs).

#### <u>Creditor Help:www.azb.uscourts.gov/</u>

**<u>CreditorHelp</u>** A creditor in a bankruptcy case is a person who claims to be owed money by the debtor. This link contains basic information for creditors.

## • **Online Chat With Us Live:**

www.azb.uscourts.gov Chat online with a Clerk 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m., Monday—Friday.

# TELEPHONE TOLL FREE 1-866-553-0893:

You may call when you have a question for a court clerk or a volunteer attorney. You may leave a message after hours. You will receive a return call from a clerk or volunteer attorney, depending on availability.

# MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS:

The decision whether to file bankruptcy may be one of the most important decisions you will ever make. You should consider seeking professional advice from a competent bankruptcy attorney.

**NOTE:** Document preparers, "paralegals" and notary publics cannot advise you on whether bankruptcy is an option best suited to your financial situation. The Bankruptcy Court is not permitted to give you legal advice.

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