



U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**ENTERED**

TAWANA C. MARSHALL, CLERK  
THE DATE OF ENTRY IS  
ON THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed February 12, 2015

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

IN RE:

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
*PRO BONO* REPRESENTATION

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GENERAL ORDER 2015-01

**GENERAL ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO LITIGANTS**

Upon the filing of an adversary proceeding in the Dallas or Fort Worth Divisions of this Court stating claims against an individual debtor under § 523 or § 727 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Clerk of this Court shall issue to the plaintiff at the time of the issuance of the summons a form of *Notice to Litigants* in substantial conformity to that attached hereto, and shall advise the plaintiff that a copy of such notice must be served on the defendant(s) in such adversary proceeding at the time of the service of the summons and complaint.

**SO ORDERED.**

The Chief Bankruptcy Judge has been authorized to enter this Order on behalf of the Court.

### END OF ORDER ###

**A copy of this *Notice to Litigants* should be served  
on the defendant along with the Summons and Complaint.**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**NOTICE TO LITIGANTS**

**You have been named as a defendant in an adversary proceeding, the outcome of which could affect your bankruptcy discharge. Even if you have already received a discharge, this is a serious matter that you should not ignore.**

Individual litigants are entitled to appear without an attorney and represent themselves in the Bankruptcy Court. However, the rules can be quite technical and failure to comply with the rules can have severe consequences. Before deciding to appear on your own, you should consider consulting an attorney. If you were represented in your chapter 7 or 13 bankruptcy case by counsel, you should notify that attorney that you have been named as a defendant.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal representation through Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) or the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP). To determine if you are eligible, you must apply for legal representation at a regularly-scheduled neighborhood legal clinic. In addition, if you were recently represented by an attorney in a chapter 7 or 13 case, you should notify that attorney immediately.

Upon application at a neighborhood legal clinic, you will be screened for eligibility based on your current income and the availability of any other assets to pay for legal services. If it is determined that you are eligible, an attorney may be found who will represent you without payment of attorneys' fees. Please note that, even if you are eligible, you may still be responsible for the payment of costs, such as court reporter fees, deposition transcripts, court transcripts, postage and copies.

On the last page of this notice, you will find a list of neighborhood legal clinics, their locations, and the times they meet. When you make contact with DVAP or LANWT, please have your copy of the summons and complaint with you, as well as a copy of any *Schedule of Assets and Liabilities* and *Statement of Financial Affairs* filed in your bankruptcy case.

## **Neighborhood Legal Clinics**

### **EAST DALLAS**

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 5:00 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church  
4105 Junius at Haskell  
Dallas, TX 75246

### **SOUTH DALLAS**

1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 5:00 pm  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center  
Core Services Building,  
2922 Martin Luther King Blvd.,  
Room 122  
Dallas, Texas 75215

### **FRIENDSHIP WEST BAPTIST CHURCH**

3rd Wednesday at 5:30 pm  
2020 West Wheatland Road  
Dallas, Texas 75232

### **TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD**

3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 pm  
(excluding summer)  
St. Phillip's Community Center  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75215

### **WEST DALLAS**

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5:00 pm  
Wesley-Rankin  
Community Center  
3107 N. Winnetka  
Dallas, Texas 75212

### **GARLAND**

3rd Thursday at 5:00 pm  
(excluding December)  
Salvation Army  
Downtown Garland  
457 W. Avenue D  
Garland, Texas 75040

### **FORT WORTH**

3rd Tuesday at 5:00 pm  
(excluding December)  
Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas  
600 E. Weatherford St  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Clinics may be cancelled because of bad weather, federal holidays, or during elections. To confirm that a clinic will occur as scheduled, contact (214) 243-2247 for Dallas or Garland clinics, or (800) 955-3959 for Fort Worth clinics.

Please bring proof of income and residency, as well as a copy of the *Schedule of Assets and Liabilities* and *Statement of Financial Affairs* filed in your bankruptcy case and the summons and complaint. If you have been sued, please bring your legal documents.