UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE CLERK



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CLERK'SNOTICE 15-01

NOTICE REGARDING GENERAL ORDER 2015-01 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF *PRO BONO* REPRESENTATION

The bankruptcy judges of this district have authorized a program to expand the scope of bankruptcy related legal services available to indigent persons in the Northern District of Texas. The program is administered through Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas and the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, and provides for *pro bono* representation of eligible *pro se* debtors in §§ 523 and 727 proceedings, eligible non debtor spouses in § 523(a)(5) proceedings, and eligible debtors and bankruptcy petition preparers in § 110 enforcement actions. It will also provide a means for the placement of certain cases with volunteer attorneys following the death or incapacitation of the original attorney.

To facilitate the implementation of this program, the Court has issued General Order 2015-01, The Implementation of *Pro Bono* Representation, which directs that a Notice to Litigants is to be served with the summons on individual *pro se* debtor defendants in certain adversary proceedings to alert them to the procedure for determining their eligibility for such services.

General Order 2015-01 can be accessed at www.txnb.uscourts.gov under the General Orders section (Category: General Orders Regarding Court Administration).

FOR THE COURT Tawana C. Marshall Clerk of Court