

**BANKRUPTCY**  
**INFORMATION FOR PRO SE DEBTORS**

**IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY** (consumer cases only):

There are no provisions for an attorney to be appointed to represent a debtor in filing a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. §101, et.seq.). The attached brochure provides a list of the various legal services offices in the State of South Carolina, as well as an explanation of the South Carolina Bar Association Pro Bono Program. Based upon your income, you may qualify for an attorney to represent you at no charge to you through this program. You should call the legal services office in your area to obtain additional information.

**IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR AN ATTORNEY AT NO CHARGE TO YOU UNDER THE PRO BONO PROGRAM** (all cases):

You may call the South Carolina Bar Lawyer Referral Services at 799-7100 (in Columbia, SC) or at 1-800-868-2284 (outside Columbia, SC). This service will give you the name and telephone number of an attorney who has agreed to consult with you for at least 30 minutes for a fee. Subsequent services and fees must be negotiated with the attorney.

**The South Carolina Bar  
Pro Bono Program - lawyers  
working for the public good by  
providing legal services to those  
who cannot afford legal fees.**

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**RESPONSIBILITY**

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Walterboro attorney and pro bono volunteer, Gerald Smoak, on pro bono responsibilities: "I have always advocated to other lawyers that we have a responsibility of giving something back to the communities in which we make our living."

Sumter attorney and pro bono volunteer, Byron Reid on serving the poor, "I have been fortunate enough to see appreciation in the eyes of some of the state's most destitute individuals who had no other hope of legal representation."

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**PARTNERSHIP**

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Almost one half of all eligible lawyers in South Carolina choose to participate in the South Carolina Pro Bono Program. This compares well with the national average of 17% participation. The Pro Bono Program is funded by the South Carolina Bar Foundation IOLTA Program.

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With over one-half million poor people living in South Carolina and approximately fifty lawyers on the Legal Services staff to address their legal needs, the task of providing quality legal services becomes difficult. The Pro Bono Program is sponsored by the South Carolina Bar and the South Carolina Legal Services agencies. This working partnership allows both organizations to join together in common effort for the public good - to close the gap between the legal needs of the poor and the legal resources available.

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**ACCESS**

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All pro bono clients must meet federally established poverty income guidelines. To find out if you are eligible, call the office in the county where you live. In order to take advantage of the legal services provided by the South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program, you must first contact your local Legal Services office.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA  
LEGAL SERVICES OFFICES**

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CAROLINA REGIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

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Florence (*Florence County*) 667-1896  
Manning (*Clarendon County*) 435-2141

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LEGAL SERVICES OF WESTERN CAROLINA

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Greenville (*Greenville & Pickens counties*) 233-4108  
Anderson (*Anderson & Oconee counties*) Anderson 226-7216  
Oconee 638-9808  
Greenwood (*Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood & McCormick counties*) 223-4879  
1-800-922-3114

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LEGAL SERVICES OF THE FOURTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Hartsville (*Darlington County*) 332-1162  
Bishopville (*Lee County*) 484-5341, Ext. 49  
Camden (*Kershaw County*) 425-1195  
Chesterfield (*Chesterfield County*) 623-6077  
Dillon (*Dillon County*) 774-6917  
Marlboro (*Marlboro County*) 479-6014

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NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Charleston (*Charleston County*) 722-0107  
Beaufort (*Beaufort & Jasper counties*) 838-5001  
Conway (*Horry County*) 248-6376  
Georgetown (*Georgetown County*) 546-2491  
Kingstree (*Williamsburg County*) 354-7476  
Lowcountry (*Colleton & Hampton counties*) 549-9581  
Marion (*Marion County*) 423-5955  
Moncks Corner (*Dorchester & Berkeley counties*) Berkeley 761-8355  
Dorchester 871-6477

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PALMETTO LEGAL SERVICES

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Columbia (*Fairfield, Newberry & Richland counties*) 799-9668  
1-888-799-9668  
Lexington (*Aiken, Calhoun, Lexington & Saluda counties*) 359-4154  
Orangeburg (*Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell & Orangeburg counties*) 533-0116  
1-800-273-1300  
Sumter (*Sumter County*) 773-1471

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PIEDMONT LEGAL SERVICES

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Spartanburg (*Cherokee, Laurens, Spartanburg & Union counties*) 582-0369  
1-800-922-8176  
Rock Hill (*Chester, Lancaster & York counties*) 327-9001  
1-800-922-3853