

STRATEGIC PLAN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Critical function: **Development and Improvement**

Key Results Area: **Improved Accuracy**

Priority Goal:

All self represented debtors have access to sufficient legal resources to effectively file and manage their consumer bankruptcy cases. (2012)

Basic Strategy for achieving this goal:

Provide unrepresented debtor with access to comprehensive and understandable legal resources.

Initial Action steps (*updated for 2011*):

- 1. Monitor the progress of the Pro Se Pathfinder software filing assistance program developed by the New Jersey Bankruptcy Court¹ for possible implementation.**
- 2. Assist Civil Justice, Inc., with obtaining a grant from the Attorney Admission Fund to staff each DAP desk for 32 hours per week and a telephone hotline for emergency matters.**
- 3. Revamp and refresh unrepresented debtor manual and written materials on the web page.**
- 4. Investigate solutions developed by other courts – both state and federal. Consider reviewing information exchange mediums, e.g., list serves.**

Target Date: **December, 2012**

Person responsible: **Judge Lipp, Judge Gordon and the Clerk of Court**

¹ This grant funded program is expected to be piloted in three districts beginning Spring of 2011 – NJ, CAC, and NM.