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## DEBTOR ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Thank you for visiting the Debtor Assistance Project!

The Debtor Assistance Project (“DAP”) was formed to provide legal advice to low income debtors who either have already filed bankruptcy without a lawyer or are considering filing bankruptcy and intend to represent themselves. The DAP also ensures that anyone interested in representation has the resources necessary to contact and potentially hire a lawyer. The DAP is designed to provide assistance to you, if you fall into one of these categories.

The DAP is staffed by volunteer lawyers, who are not paid for their work. And because it is a volunteer project, they are not permitted to solicit clients while they are providing free consultations for the DAP; nor should they use the sessions to talk about representing you. We ask for your cooperation in keeping this volunteer spirit by not discussing paid representation with the DAP lawyer during your session.

If you decide after your appointment that you need additional legal assistance and would like to try and find a lawyer, please see the written materials we have set out for you in the DAP waiting area.

Some volunteer lawyers welcome calls from debtors about providing representation after the DAP appointment. If you would like to independently contact the lawyer with whom you met during your consultation at the DAP, you may be able to find his or her contact information on the Low Bono Listing(s), which are available in the waiting area and on our website. Please note that any communications with DAP volunteer attorneys, after your DAP appointment ends, are independent of the DAP and are not subject to the DAP’s rules and policies. Independent consultations are conditional, at the lawyer’s discretion, and may be subject to any fees the lawyer requires.

We encourage you to provide us with feedback on your experience at the DAP. You may use the online feedback form or the yellow form in the waiting area to do so and this can be done anonymously if you prefer.

We thank you and trust that you find this program as helpful as we intend it to be.



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