## United States Bankruptcy Court



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# RECOGNITION OF *PRO BONO* VOLUNTEERS IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The Bankruptcy Judges of the Central District of California once again urge you to consider volunteering for one of the bankruptcy pro bono opportunities available in your area. Over the past several years, notwithstanding the cyclical increases and decreases in our filing numbers, one thing has remained constant: there are large numbers of low-income individuals in our court in need of representation. Organizations currently assisting low-income people in our district see hundreds of families on the brink of foreclosure or in other economic distress each year.

Volunteer opportunities available range from commitments that require only a few hours every other month at a clinic to full representation in a chapter 7 case or adversary proceeding. With a self-help desk in every division, you can easily volunteer close to home for only the number of hours that fit into your schedule. Consumer bankruptcy training may be available for you. While most requests are for debtor assistance, low-income creditor assistance is needed as well. The programs are structured so that attorneys who generally represent creditors may volunteer without concern about conflicts of interest or being designated a debt relief agency. The vast majority of the people who come to these programs cannot afford counsel, but attorney referrals are also made through these organizations where appropriate.

Even a brief consultation with an attorney can make a big difference to an unrepresented party. Attorney assistance also greatly helps the court and other litigants. You can find contact information for an organization in your area, along with the types of opportunities available on the Court's website (<a href="www.cacb.uscourts.gov">www.cacb.uscourts.gov</a>), in the "Programs and Services" section, by clicking on "Pro Bono Opportunities." We encourage you to contact one of these agencies to explore whether there might be a way for you to contribute your time and expertise to someone in need. To those of you who already volunteer or provide badly needed pro bono help in other ways, we say thank you. Your efforts help the court be more responsive to all litigants, regardless of income level and are truly appreciated.

#### SHERI BLUEBOND, CHIEF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The attached Honor Roll lists the names of the volunteers from the previous 12 months provided by each organization. The list will be updated quarterly to add any new volunteers emailed to <a href="https://exacb.uscourts.gov">HonorRoll@cacb.uscourts.gov</a>. The volunteer organizations are to review the list each September and email the Honor Roll address with any names that are to be removed for the annual update.

# United States Bankruptcy Court Central District of California

# 2018 Honor Roll of Pro Bono Volunteers



## Public Counsel's Debtors Assistance Project Chapter 7, Adversary Proceeding & Reaffirmation Hearing Volunteers

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### Los Angeles Bankruptcy Self Help Desk & Pro Se Clinic Volunteers

Aarona Alexander
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David Hagen
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Ann Marie James
Nina Javan
Teddy Kapur
Bert Kawahara
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Gwendolyn Santos
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Sal Sciortino
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Other Legal Professionals: Law Students:

Lisa Barnes John Parry Duncan Dohmen
Mitch Benson William Schumann Kelsey Haines
Jesse Han Ann Sokolowski Aram Karagueuzian
Tori Harris Noah Kay

Stephanie Herrick Law Students: Syrita Morgan Barry Lipsky Aleksandr Beyzer Daniella Saeedian

#### Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County Self-Help Desk Volunteers

Pardis Akhavan Michael Davis Jonathan Leventhal E. Richard McGuire J Geoffrey Beirne M. Jonathan Hayes Anil Bhartia Jorge Gaitan Roksana D. Moradi Nan Blitman Sevan Gorginian Jeremy H. Rothstein Ted Boxer Yi Sun Kim Patricia Said Mark Brenner Ilyse Klavir

#### Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County Consumer Debt Clinic Volunteers

Will Beall John Rounds Law Students: Patricia Fox Susan Salehi Kasey Cook Chris Gautschi Randall Sutter Ross Garcia Karen Grant Felicita Torres Elke Kane Karen Ware Esmeralda Murillo Daniel Higson Juan Higuera William Winfield Sam Sosa Greg Mazza Gosha Styczniewska Christian Younger Reed Olmstead Ryan Zick Stephanie Troup

**Paralegal:** *Jean Linn* 

## Public Service Law Corporation (Riverside Legal Aid) Riverside & Coachella Valley Volunteers

Steven Blake Donald McKay **Paralegals:** Donald Reid Suzette Douglas Ruben Escalante Manfred Schroer Gabriela Figueroa Benjamin Heston Summer Shaw Margarita Perez Scott Talkov Amelie Kamau Nancy Korompis Jennifer Tanias Fred McClellan

#### Orange County Bar and Public Law Center Volunteers\*

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\*Last update to Orange County Bar and Public Law Center Volunteers was on April 29, 2019