

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION
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In re)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON) Administrative Order
ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS FOR) FLMB-ORL-2018-1.
BANKRUPTCY *PRO SE* ASSISTANCE)
CLINIC IN ORLANDO,)
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ON ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS FOR
BANKRUPTCY *PRO SE* ASSISTANCE CLINIC IN ORLANDO**

The Orlando Division of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida wants to thank attorney volunteers who dedicate time and effort to the Bankruptcy *Pro Se* Assistance Clinic (the “Clinic”).

The Clinic is a nonprofit charitable organization comprised entirely of attorney and law student volunteers. The Clinic was formed to provide legal advice to low income individuals who would otherwise not have access to legal assistance. Debtors and creditors can meet one-on-one with an attorney volunteer for thirty minutes free of charge. Since its inception in 2011 and grand opening in 2012, the Clinic saves the Bankruptcy Court an immeasurable amount of time by preventing unnecessary filings, explaining basic bankruptcy terms and concepts to individuals, and providing individuals the resources they need to contact and potentially hire a qualified lawyer. The Clinic reduces a significant burden on the Clerk’s office staff and serves as a learning tool for new bankruptcy lawyers.

As a small act of gratitude, the Orlando Division will reward these dedicated attorney volunteers for their service to their profession, the Court, and our pro se filers.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED:


1. At the beginning of any calendar or docket, any attorney who volunteered at the Bankruptcy *Pro Se* Assistance Clinic within the last 90 days may ask the Bankruptcy Judge to move their matter to the top of the calendar or docket. The attorney volunteer alternatively can make a similar request to the Courtroom Deputy prior to the start of the hearings.

2. The Bankruptcy Judge will approve the request if it does not substantially impact or prejudice other scheduled hearings.

DATED: September 13, 2018.



KAREN S. JENNEMANN
United States Bankruptcy Judge



CYNTHIA C. JACKSON
United States Bankruptcy Judge



ARTHUR B. BRISKMAN
United States Bankruptcy Judge