

# BANKRUPTCY BUGLE



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## NEVADA MORTGAGE MODIFICATION MEDIATION PROGRAM

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada is offering a training opportunity for the Nevada Mortgage Modification Mediation Program (MMM Program). An administrative order was entered in January 2015, adopting the program for the Las Vegas area. The MMM Program will be incorporated into the local rules and will authorize the program for all Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in Nevada. This program provides attorneys with effective and expedited procedures to seek mortgage modification for their clients.

Join us for the FREE LIVE training seminars:

### Las Vegas

**Date:** October 27, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Judge Landis' courtroom, Courtroom #1

### Reno

**Date:** October 28, 2015

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Judge Zive's courtroom, Courtroom #1

This seminar will cover the following:

- Demonstration of the Court-mandated Document Preparation System for preparing your loan modification package.
- Using the Court-mandated DMM Portal including:
  - Registering and creating accounts for your staff
  - Submitting new cases to the servicer for review
  - Assigning a mediator to your case
  - Tracking the progress of your case
  - Managing your document submissions
  - Communicating directly with the mortgage servicer.

Mediators, attorneys and their staff personnel are encouraged to attend. Igor Roitburg, Chief Operating Officer of the DMM Portal, will be demonstrating the use of the Document Preparation System and the DMM Portal.

**CHAT**

The Nevada Bankruptcy Court has implemented a CHAT service for the public.

The CHAT Help Desk answers questions online Monday—Friday during regular court hours. In addition, phone calls to the Help Desk at 866-232-1266 will still be answered.

Access to CHAT can be found at the court website's home page:

[www.nvb.uscourts.gov](http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov)

**BANKRUPTCY COURTHOUSE HOURS**

C. Clifton Young Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Hours and

Foley Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Hours are:

**7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

Bankruptcy Court Intake Hours are:

**9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Excluding Weekends and Federal Holidays.

**REAFFIRMATIONS: TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN?**

**Sponsored by Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada**

**When:** Friday, September 25, 2015 – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Doors Open at 11:00 am for Complimentary Lunch

**Where:** State Bar of Nevada, 3100 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

**What:** This seminar for consumer bankruptcy attorneys will discuss practical and ethical considerations in advising clients regarding reaffirmation agreements and deciding whether to sign them. Learn how the judges analyze reaffirmation agreements. Focus will be on reaffirmation of vehicle loans post *In re Henderson* and the interplay of Nevada's retail installment contract law; mortgage reaffirmation agreements will also be discussed.

**Cost:** **FREE!** All attorneys must take **ONE NEW pro bono case** through the Pro Bono Project in advance of the CLE or at the door. Select a case at [www.lacsnpobono.org](http://www.lacsnpobono.org).

**Speakers:** Chief Judge Mike K. Nakagawa, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada  
Judge August B. Landis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada  
Susan L. Myers, Esq., Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (Moderator)

Register online at [www.lacsnpobono.org/cle](http://www.lacsnpobono.org/cle).

**DECEMBER FORM CHANGES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015**

Most Official Bankruptcy Forms are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted and renumbered versions effective December 1, 2015, if approved by the Judicial Conference at its September 2015 meeting. For more information, see:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments/pending-changes-bankruptcy-forms>

Due to the extensive form changes EZ-Filing will no longer provide software updates after November 30, 2015. Best Case Bankruptcy and CINcompass will support the federal form changes. Attorneys should contact their software providers as soon as possible to ensure their software is up to date and ready for December 1, 2015.

**NEW  
E-FILERS**

**VOLUNTARY  
PETITION**

*Official Form B1, known as a “Voluntary Petition” must be filed by a debtor to begin a bankruptcy case.*



**STEPS TO MANUALLY  
OPEN A VOLUNTARY  
PETITION**

(Note: Steps 2-6 should be done immediately after opening.)

- 1 Upload **VOLUNTARY PETITION**
- 2 Upload **MATRIX**
- 3 Docket **JUDGE/TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENT** 
- 4 Docket **STATEMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
- 5 Docket **DECLARATION OF ELECTRONIC FILING**
- 6 Docket **MEANS TEST (Individuals Only)**
- 7 Docket **CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT COUNSELING (Individuals Only)**
- 8 Docket **CHAPTER 13 Plan (if Applicable)**

**ALL** Chapter 13 and 11 cases are opened as **ASSET** cases.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**JUDGE/TRUSTEE  
ASSIGNMENT**

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP in opening a new petition.

It is a crucial part of case opening, and will ensure that you receive your 341 notice immediately.



**BANKRUPTCY COURT CONTACT NUMBERS**

- LAS VEGAS CLERK’S OFFICE: (702) 527-7000
- RENO CLERK’S OFFICE: (775) 326-2100
- CM/ECF HELP DESK: (866) 232-1266

Frequently called numbers, e-mail addresses, and live on-line chat is available on the court’s website under Court Information:

<http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/about-the-court/contact-information/>