
**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH**

IN THE MATTER OF PRO BONO
PROGRAM FOR THE BANKRUPTCY
COURT

General Order No. 16-004

The Court has been apprised of the Pro Bono Program (the "Program") proposed by the Bankruptcy Court of this district and interested parties. A summary of the terms of the program (the "Summary") is attached hereto. In addition, the Bankruptcy Court has approved the Program by its General Order, a copy of which along with a Notice to Litigants is also attached hereto. With this presented,

The Court:

1. Approves the Program as outlined in the Summary and to the extent necessary, authorizes its implementation by the Bankruptcy Court in this District. Only matters involving Sections 523 and 727 of the Bankruptcy Code or the potential of leading up to such shall qualify for the Program.
2. This Court approves the solicitation of attorneys and law firms as volunteers to participate in the Program in such manner and means as the Bankruptcy Court and such ad hoc committee it organizes or participates with deems appropriate.
3. The Summary procedures are authorized.
4. Once qualified and a volunteer attorney has accepted the assignment and is confirmed, a letter to the attorney taking the case will be sent by the Access to Justice Director for the Utah State Bar who shall follow the other procedures set forth in the Summary.
5. This Court authorizes the expenditure of costs only up to \$2,000.00 per case or proceeding which has qualified for the Program. The funds may be drawn on the attorney admission fund administered by this Court.
6. Disbursements of funds for costs shall only be made after a review and approval by the Bankruptcy Court and such ad hoc committee it deems appropriate. Such approval will then

be transmitted to the Clerk of this Court for processing and payment.

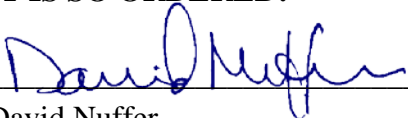
7. Although the expected expenses are not related to a criminal matter, the Court deems following the guidelines for administration of the Criminal Justice Act helpful and should be followed. Allowable expenses include deposition and transcripts, travel expenses, service of papers and witness fees, interpreter services, cost of copies, photographs, long distance charges and fax transmissions, computer assisted legal research, investigative expense and other expenses approved in advance by the Bankruptcy Court and/or its ad hoc committee. The following costs are non-allowable: general office expenses, personnel costs, rent, secretarial assistance, equipment costs, costs awarded against a party and sanctions.

8. Upon acceptance of the representation, the participating attorney shall file an appearance or response to the proceeding or contested matter. Following the filing of an entry of appearance or response, the pro bono attorney shall communicate with the party and explore all possibilities of resolving the matter. The pro bono attorney shall continue in the case or proceeding until the attorney client relationship is ended.

9. A pro bono attorney may move the Bankruptcy Court for authorization to withdraw from the representation if the pro bono attorney complies with the rules and procedures in effect in the Bankruptcy Court at the time of such request. At the present time, they are outlined in Bankruptcy Court Local Rule 2091-1.

10. If the Court allows the pro bono attorney to withdraw, the Court may either direct that another attorney or firm be requested to serve as the pro bono attorney or may decline to make an additional request for other attorney(s) to become involved in which case. In addition, the party (and in almost all instances, the Debtor/ defendant) shall be permitted to defend the action pro se.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



David Nuffer
Chief Judge

Dated: August 11 2016