



The new **USBC EDNY Pro Bono panel** offers attorneys the opportunity to provide debtors or individual creditors, with limited income and resources, and who cannot afford to retain private counsel, with pro bono assistance to in various contested bankruptcy matters. Contested matters are typically referred by the bankruptcy judges of this district, with a particular focus on Central Islip, for pro bono representation. Volunteer attorneys' participation on the Panel does not obligate attorneys to accept a pro bono assignment. However, attorneys who accept pro bono matters meet with the clients to fully discuss the merits of the case, and advise the clients on the possibility of resolving the cases through various legal options (settlement, mediation, etc.), or by litigating the matters in court. Seasoned bankruptcy practitioners and litigators alike have found these matters to be rewarding and accessible. The Panel is also an excellent opportunity for junior attorneys to gain significant court experience and allow attorneys of all levels to have a meaningful impact on a pro se debtors and creditors the ability to achieve a "fresh start."

To register for the Panel, fill out the attached registration form. For more information on volunteering, contact Ramona Morel, Director, Consumer Bankruptcy Project, at 212-382-4783 or rmorel@nycbar.org.



USBC EDNY BANKRUPTCY PRO BONO PANEL

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

Year Admitted to Practice: _____

Court Admissions (e.g., E.D.N.Y., S.D.N.Y.): _____

Principal Practice Areas: _____

Special skills include (languages, other): _____

I am willing to take a pro bono case in: Central Islip _____ Brooklyn _____

Please submit this form to the City Bar Justice Center, Attn: Ramona Morel, Project Director, Consumer Bankruptcy Project via email at Rmorel@nycbar.org or fax at 212-221-5318.