

Understanding Bankruptcy and What a Hotline Advocate Can Do to Help Clients (Hosted by CERA)

Debt issues are one of the most prevalent questions that hotline advocates are receiving today. We hear things like “I need to file bankruptcy” or “I need a bankruptcy attorney to help me.” As a hotline advocate, you need to understand the legal concepts and practical considerations before you try to help a client in this situation. This webinar is designed to help.

After completing this 90 minute webinar, you will understand

- the different types of personal bankruptcy,
- the basics of the general exemptions,
- the bankruptcy process,
- the alternatives to bankruptcy,
- the “get out of debt” scams,
- how to make sure you have all of the information necessary to advise on this issue,
- the practical advice and instructions that hotline advocates can give clients regarding bankruptcy, and
- when to refer the client for more extensive service.

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