

Bankruptcy Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on bankruptcy. Bankruptcy is “a statutory procedure by which a debtor obtains financial relief and undergoes a judicially supervised reorganization or liquidation of the debtor’s assets for the benefit of creditors.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

U.S. Bankruptcy Code <https://usbankruptcycode.org/>

Texas Administrative Code

- Ch. 59 Collections
[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=3&ch=59&rl=Y](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=3&ch=59&rl=Y)

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Legal Practice Forms REF KFT 1268 .S85

- Vol. 5, Ch. 69 Bankruptcy
 - Section III. Automatic Stay in Bankruptcy
 - (lifting automatic stay) §69:55 Checklist-Motion to lift automatic stay; §69:62 Secured creditor’s motion to lift automatic stay; §69:69 Default order lifting stay; §69:70 Unopposed order lifting stay

Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4

- Vol. 1, Ch. 2 §1:2.03 Stay of proceedings in bankruptcy
- Vol. 5, Ch. 63 § 5:63.02-05:63.04 removal of bankruptcy cases from state to federal court
- Vol. 7, Ch. 102 § 7:102.06 effect on structured settlement

Texas Business Litigation KFT 1410 .T49

- Ch. 3: Bankruptcy Ramifications in Business Litigation Cases

Texas Torts and Remedies KFT 1395 .T49

- Vol. 1, Ch. 23 §1:23.33[1] priority of tenant’s claim to security deposit
- Vol. 4, Ch. 55 § 4:55.02-4:55.07 involuntary bankruptcy proceeding as basis for malicious prosecution action

ABI’s Bankruptcy Appeals Manual: Winning Your Bankruptcy Appeal (available on Bloomberg Law)

A Practical Guide to Bankruptcy Valuation (available on Bloomberg Law)

Pronske’s Texas Bankruptcy KFT 1421 .A29 P76

Bankruptcy Road Map: Navigating the Landscape, Avoiding the Pitfalls KFT 1420 .B368

Collier Bankruptcy Manual KF 1524 .C6455

Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide KF 1524 .C63

How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy KF 1524.6 .E4

The New Bankruptcy: Will It Work for You? KF 1524.6 .E452

Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Keep Your Property & Repay Debts Over Time KF 1524.6 .L46

Bankruptcy Law Manual KF 1524 .W4

Bankruptcy Service, Lawyers Ed. KF 1520 .B36

Creditors' Rights in Bankruptcy KF 1524 .M87

The Language of Bankruptcy: A Glossary of Common Bankruptcy Terms KF 1501 .A68L4

Bankruptcy Evidence Manual KF 1530 .E87R87

The Bankruptcy Handbook KF 1506 .B8

CLE Materials

Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course KFT 1421 .A75S7

Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy KFT 1421 .A75S7

Bankruptcy 101 Course KFT 1421 .A74B87

ALI-ABA Course of Study – Partnerships: UPA, ULPA, Securities, Taxation, and Bankruptcy: Materials KF 1375 .Z9 A14

Collections and Creditors' Rights KFT 1367 .C6S7

Consumer Bankruptcy Boot Camp KFT 1421 .A75C6

Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course KFT 1352 .A75 C6

- 2021 Ch. 8 Testifiers and Affidavits: Requisites of Admissible Business Records Affidavits in Debt Cases
- 2021 Ch. 15 Debt Defense
- 2021 Ch. 20 Bankruptcy: Creative Ways to Protect Consumers
- 2020 Ch. 4 Debt Elimination Scams: Fraudulent Legal Theories with Real Consequences

Nuts & Bolts of Business Bankruptcy KFT 1421 .A75 N8

Online Resources

Fort Worth Bankruptcy Court
147 U.S. Courthouse, 501 W. Tenth St. 76102
<https://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/bankruptcy-filings>

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
<https://www.federalrulesofbankruptcyprocedure.org/>
How to File for Bankruptcy in Texas (NOLO)
<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/how-bankruptcy-works-in-texas.html>

IRS: Bankruptcy
<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/declaring-bankruptcy>

Local Forms (Bankruptcy) United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas
<https://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/forms/all-forms/bankruptcy>

Texas Attorney General
(www.texasattorneygeneral.gov)

- Bankruptcy and Collections
<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/divisions/bankruptcy-and-collections>
- Child Support and Bankruptcy (Texas Attorney General)
<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support/paying-and-receiving-child-support/get-back-track/child-support-and-bankruptcy>

Texas Law Help (www.texaslawhelp.org)

- Bankruptcy
<https://texaslawhelp.org/money-debt/bankruptcy>
- Bankruptcy: An Overview
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/bankruptcy-an-overview>
- Ch. 7 Bankruptcy Fact Sheet
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/chapter-7-bankruptcy-fact-sheet>

Bankruptcy (United States Bankruptcy Court)
<https://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy>

Bankruptcy Forms (United States Bankruptcy Court)
<https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)

