

# LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY LEGAL RESEARCH GUIDE -- # 7: BANKRUPTCY

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Bankruptcy is a federal procedure designed to help individuals and businesses reduce or eliminate their debts under court supervision and protection. Chapters 7, 11, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code cover the most common types of bankruptcy.

### **SUGGESTED RESOURCES:**

#### **A. LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY CATALOG**

<http://opac.libraryworld.com/cgi-bin/opac.pl?command=signin&libraryname=lanecountylawlib>

(TIP: Select "All Words" in the drop down menu, and search the word "consumer", "bankruptcy", "consumer protection")

(TIP: You will not find everything on line, so please be prepared to use some of these resources and others to help answer your questions.)

Print resources available in the Lane County Law Library include, but are not limited to:

1. **COLLIER BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE GUIDE**, by Alan Resnick and Henry Sommer :  
**KF 1524 .C63 1981 TRE**
2. **COLLIER FORMS MANUAL**, ed. by Lawrence King : **KF 1524 .C63 1981 TRE**
3. **NOLO GUIDES:**  
**How to file for chapter 7 bankruptcy**, by Stephen Elias, Albin Renauer & Robin Leonard, 2007: **KF 1524.6 .E4 2007 RES**  
**Chapter 13 bankruptcy : repay your debts**, by Stephen Elias and Robin Leonard, 2006 :  
**KF 1524.6 .L3 2006 RES**  
**Bankruptcy : is it the right solution to your debt problems?** by Robin Leonard, 2004 :  
**KF 1524.6 .L455 2004 RES**
4. **2005 BANKRUPTCY REFORM LEGISLATION WITH ANALYSIS**, by William Houston Brown and Lawrence R. Ahern III, c2005 : **KF 1511.597 .B76 2005 TRE**

#### **B. OTHER RESOURCES**

##### **State & County Resources**

1. **Oregon State Bar Bankruptcy, Debt & Credit page**  
<http://www.osbar.org/public/legalinfo/bankruptcy.html>  
Includes links to OSP Tel-Law pages with information about debt and bankruptcy
2. **United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon**  
Includes information for lawyers, debtors and creditors, court calendar and directional information. Also includes links to filing information, such as fees, case information, filing for

bankruptcy without a lawyer, and FAQs.

<http://www.orb.uscourts.gov/>

**3. Legal Aid Services of Oregon (Also has Spanish-language pages)**

Includes information on consumer rights, debt collection, garnishment, bankruptcy, credit reports <http://oregonlawhelp.org/OR/index.cfm> (click on the Consumer link)

**Federal Government Resources**

**1. Bankruptcy Basics**

<http://www.uscourts.gov/bankruptcycourts/bankruptcybasics.html>

Bankruptcy Basics provides basic information to debtors, creditors, court personnel, the media, and the general public on different aspects of the federal bankruptcy laws.

**Other Internet Resources**

Some keywords to consider when using online catalogs such as library OPACs, or search engines to find information:

**bankruptcy**

**debt relief**

**consumer education**

**1. Cornell University Law School Legal Information Institute:**

<http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/bankruptcy>

Provides information on bankruptcy with links to other sources and references

**2. American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI):**

<http://www.abiworld.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

Professional website with public information about bankruptcy legislation, changes in the law, and news

**3. Nolo Press—Bankruptcy:** <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/bankruptcy-foreclosure-debt/index.html>