

Washington State Bar Association

Creditor Debtor Rights Section Grant Program for 2012-2013

Application Deadline: November 2, 2012

The Creditor Debtor Rights Section

The Creditor Debtor Rights Section is a voluntary member group of the Washington State Bar Association. The majority of section members are legal practitioners practicing in areas of law serving creditor and debtor clients in Washington. Areas of law may include bankruptcy reorganizations or creditor rights, collection, commercial litigation, consumer protection and work out or turnaround expertise. Governed by officers and an executive committee, the section began in the early 1980's and is active through an average of 500 members each year. Members participate in the frequent exchange of ideas through the section's newsletter, annual meeting and continuing legal education offerings. Collaborative relationships with the Bankruptcy Bar Association of Eastern Washington, the Federal Bar Association of the Eastern and Western District of Washington and the Turn Around Management Association provide additional opportunities for members.

Purpose of Grant Program

The practitioners of the Creditor Debtor Rights Section recognize the importance for all individuals to have access to legal services. Many section members are actively involved in providing expertise to legal services for low-income individuals, both through direct representation and/or educational programs. While financial constraints and/or other limitations may impede individuals in seeking legal services, it is recognized that community services exist to assist with legal issues. Established in 2004, the purpose of the Creditor Debtor Rights Section grant program is to financially assist in the on-going operation of these community service programs.

Eligible Grant Recipients

For the fiscal year of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, any Washington state nonprofit organization operating a program which offers legal services addressing creditor-debtor issues, either through direct representation and/or financial education programs, is encouraged to apply. Beneficiaries of the program offered must be Washington residents.

Amount and Number of Grant Awards

A total of up to \$6,000 in grant funds is budgeted to be available this year. An award amount may vary from \$5,000 or less, depending on the type of program and number of individuals served. The number of award recipients varies based on the type of programs and number of applicants. Grant funds must be applied to the program's general operating costs. Recognizing there may be disparity among numbers served, attention will be given to programs that are urban/rural and provide direct representation and/or educational programs to help ensure a breadth of service. The Executive Committee of the Section retains full discretion in determining the amount of each grant and the total aggregate of all grants.

Disbursement of Grant Awards

The grant award will be distributed in one installment within 30 days of the announcement of award recipients. Recipients are required to submit a Year-End Program Evaluation report which is also taken into consideration for receipt of future grant awards. Please see the following timeline for further details.

- **November 2, 2012**
Grant applications due (must be emailed or postmarked by this date).
- **By mid-December 2012**
Grant awards confirmed; letters mailed to recipients.
- **By December 31, 2012**
Distribution of grant funds via check to recipients.
- **By August 5, 2013**
Distribution of Year-End Program Evaluation report.
- **September 13, 2013**
Year-End Program Evaluation report due.

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To Submit Grant Application

Address cover letter to: William F. Malaier Jr., Grant Program Chair
WSBA Creditor Debtors Rights Section

Email (preferred) application and cover letter to: william@naglerlaw.com
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