

JUNE 2018 STATUS REPORT ON BANKRUPTCY LEGAL CLINIC

1. The RI Bankruptcy Legal Clinic (“the Clinic”) commenced in January 2017 as a pilot program and in the sixteen months since becoming operational, it has held 30 separate legal clinics assisting a total of 33 customers. Of the 47 actual appointments booked, a total of 33 individuals were served between January 2017 and May 2018, eight people failed to attend their session (a 17% no show rate) and six people cancelled after scheduling.
2. Sixteen attorneys provided volunteer services to the Clinic during these 16 months, including several who have volunteered for multiple sessions (Janet Goldman – 5; Lisa Geremia – 4; Peter Iascone – 4 sessions; Felicia Manni-Paquette 3 sessions; Charlie Pisaturo - 3).
3. In terms of background and outcomes, sixteen of the 33 customers filed for bankruptcy *before* the clinic meeting:
 - a. Eight under chapter 13 and eight under chapter 7;
 - b. Three debtors received a bankruptcy discharge;
 - c. Eight cases were dismissed without discharge; and
 - d. Five cases are still pending.
4. Of the remaining 17 clinic customers:
 - a. Four were advised not to file bankruptcy and did not file in RI;
 - b. Two were advised to file chapter 13 (one filed a chapter 7 and was discharged and one filed a chapter 13 and is now represented by RI Legal Services. This case is still pending.)
 - c. Ten customers were advised to file chapter 7 (Seven never filed in RI; three filed chapter 7 and all three received a bankruptcy discharge).
 - d. In one case there is no data as the client was a walk-in on the first week of the clinic and no data was collected at the time.
5. In Summary:

Of the thirty-three customers served by the Clinic:

 - Seven received a bankruptcy discharge;
 - Six remain pending
 - Eight were dismissed
 - Eleven never filed in RI (including four advised not to); and
 - One unknown result.