

**Bankruptcy and Debtor/Creditor Law** is about debt. Debtors retain attorneys for protection using bankruptcy and other strategies. Creditors retain attorneys to represent their interests in bankruptcy court and to help them collect money that debtors owe them.

Bankruptcy gives debtors a fresh start. It can protect their assets and erase their debt. Bankruptcy gives creditors an orderly, judicially supervised process for dealing with debtors. It allows creditors to receive as much of the money that they are owed as possible. Usually, bankruptcy lawyers specialize in either consumer bankruptcy, representing individual debtors, or commercial bankruptcy, representing organizations. Bankruptcy is a federal court proceeding. For more information and web links about bankruptcy law, go to the [Legal Information Institute](#).

In debtor/creditor law, lawyers work to protect their clients’ assets or to help their clients collect debts. Debtor/creditor law can start well before disputes over money owed. Secured transactions is the area of law regarding securing the seller’s rights when the purchaser buys goods.

Debtors can structure their ownership of assets to make it harder for creditors to seize them. Debtors can also rely on property protections available when a creditor tries to collect a debt. Creditors have ways of seizing debtors’ wages and property. Creditors can also make sure that debtors do not commit fraud in protecting their assets. Debtor/creditor law is usually practiced under state law. For more information and web links about debtor/creditor law, go to the [Legal Information Institute](#).

Job Type	Typical Duties
<p><u>Federal Agencies</u>  <a href="#">Law clerk or staff attorney for federal bankruptcy judge</a>  <a href="#">Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</a>  <a href="#">Internal Revenue Service</a>  <a href="#">Assistant U.S. Attorney</a>  <a href="#">Federal Jobs</a></p>	<p>Engage in legal research, writing, and other administrative tasks for federal bankruptcy judge                      Investigate and prosecute debtors or creditors for fraudulent activities                      Assist in drafting, organizing, and promulgating relevant regulations.</p>
<p><u>FL State Agencies</u>  <a href="#">Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</a>  <a href="#">Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation</a>  <a href="#">Florida Office of the Attorney General</a>  <a href="#">Florida State Jobs</a></p>	<p>Engage in legal research, writing, and other administrative tasks                      Investigate and prosecute debtors or creditors for fraudulent activities                      Assist in drafting, organizing, and promulgating relevant regulations.</p>
<p><u>Local Government</u>  <a href="#">Broward County Attorney</a>  <a href="#">Fort Lauderdale City Attorney</a>  <a href="#">City of Fort Lauderdale Careers</a>  <a href="#">Assistant State Attorney</a></p>	<p>Engage in legal research and writing                      Investigate and prosecute debtors or creditors for fraudulent activities</p>

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### Student Organizations

[Association of Business Law Students](#)

### Professional Organizations

[American Bankruptcy Institute](#)

[The American Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section](#)

[American College of Bankruptcy](#)

[Commercial Law League of America](#)

[National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees](#)

[National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees](#)

[National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys](#) NACBA

[National Consumer Bankruptcy Rights Center](#)

[U.S. Trustee Program](#) (Department of Justice)

### Other Activities

Obtain an internship with a bankruptcy attorney or firm.

Join the [Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida](#) as a student member (\$50 per year for law students).

Periodically check the [Symplicity Job Board](#) for opportunities in this area of law.

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