

# BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATOR WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## PUBLIC NOTICE APPOINTMENT TO PANEL OF CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEES

The Bankruptcy Administrator for the Western District of North Carolina is accepting applications to be considered for one or more appointment(s) to the panel of trustees who administer cases under chapter 7 of title 11 of the United States Code. The appointment will be for cases filed in the Western District of North Carolina in the Asheville division. Applicants must be willing to serve for a minimum one-year period, if selected.

### **Qualifications.** All applicants must:

- Possess integrity and good moral character;
- Be physically and mentally able to perform satisfactorily a trustee's duties;
- Be free of prejudices against any individual, entity, or group which would interfere with unbiased performance of a trustee's duties;
- Be willing to accept appointment to asset and no-asset cases;
- Not be related by affinity or consanguinity with the degree of first cousin to the Bankruptcy Administrator, employee of the Bankruptcy Administrator, federal judicial officer (including the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals), federal court employee, chapter 12 or chapter 13 trustee or chapter 7 panel member serving the district;
- Not be employed by the federal government or by state or local agencies which regularly appear before the Bankruptcy Court as creditors;
- Reside or maintain an office in the Western District of North Carolina or in an adjacent judicial district;
- Not derive a financial benefit either directly or indirectly from debtor counseling or pro-rating;
- Be a college graduate from an accredited school with a major in a business-related field of study; or have at least three years of business experience using skills of a nature required of a trustee; or be a member in good standing of each bar in which the applicant is a member or a certified public accountant; or have equivalent expertise as deemed acceptable by the Bankruptcy Administrator.

Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation, including but not limited to a name and fingerprint check, and the successful candidate must qualify to be bonded.

**Selection Criteria.** The successful applicant must possess strong administrative and financial skills. Fiduciary and bankruptcy experience is preferred. Applicants must also possess the ability to communicate effectively with debtors and their counsel, parties in interest, and court personnel. Although chapter 7 trustees are not federal employees, appointments are made consistent with federal Equal Opportunity policies, which prohibit discrimination in employment.

**Compensation.** Chapter 7 trustees receive commission pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 326 and are eligible for payment of professional fees and expenses pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330.

**How to Apply.** Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest and detailed resume, each in pdf format, to [trusteeapplications@ncwba.uscourts.gov](mailto:trusteeapplications@ncwba.uscourts.gov). Priority consideration will be given to applications received before January 24, 2025. No U.S. Mail or phone calls, please. Candidates invited to interview will be asked to submit additional application materials and written references. Depending on the volume of applications received, the Bankruptcy Administrator may communicate only with those candidates selected for an interview.