

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Alabama
Eastern Division**

Voluntary Petition

Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Pontes, Karen, Felesia	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): Karen Felesia Pontes Felesia Pontes Felesia Pontes Karen Felesia Smith Felesia Smith Felesia Smith	All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN(if more than one, state all): 8404	Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN(if more than one, state all):
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State): 64 Meadows Lane Rainsville, AL <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP CODE 35986</div>	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State): <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP CODE</div>
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: DeKalb	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): P.O. Box 308 Henagar, AL <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP CODE 35978</div>	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP CODE</div>
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above): <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP CODE</div>	

Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.) <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	Nature of Business (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code.)	Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding </div> </div> <hr style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"/> Nature of Debts (Check one box) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or house- hold purpose." </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts. </div> </div>
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Filing Fee (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b) See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.	Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,190,000. <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> Check all applicable boxes <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
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Statistical/Administrative Information										THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.										
Estimated Number of Creditors										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1-49	50-99	100-199	200-999	1,000-5,000	5,001-10,000	10,001-25,000	25,001-50,000	50,001-100,000	Over 100,000	
Estimated Assets										
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
\$0 to \$50,000	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$500,001 to \$1 million	\$1,000,001 to \$10 million	\$10,000,001 to \$50 million	\$50,000,001 to \$100 million	\$100,000,001 to \$500 million	\$500,000,001 to \$1 billion	More than \$1 billion	
Estimated Liabilities										
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
\$0 to \$50,000	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$500,001 to \$1 million	\$1,000,001 to \$10 million	\$10,000,001 to \$50 million	\$50,000,001 to \$100 million	\$100,000,001 to \$500 million	\$500,000,001 to \$1 billion	More than \$1 billion	

Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): Karen Felesia Pontes	
All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet.)			
Location Where Filed: NONE	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
Location Where Filed:	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Name of Debtor: NONE	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
District:	Relationship:	Judge:	
Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> X s/ Stacy L. Upton Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Stacy L. Upton </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> Date ASB-0841-Y78U </div> </div>	
Exhibit C			
Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Exhibit D			
(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.			
If this is a joint petition:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.			
Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue (Check any applicable box)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.			
<input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.			
Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following).			
_____ (Name of landlord that obtained judgment)			
_____ (Address of landlord)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).			

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):

Karen Felesia Pontes**Signatures****Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X s/ Karen Felesia PontesSignature of Debtor **Karen Felesia Pontes**X **Not Applicable**

Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only **one** box.)☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of Title 11, United States Code. Certified Copies of the documents required by § 1515 of title 11 are attached.☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the Chapter of title 11 specified in the petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.X **Not Applicable**

(Signature of Foreign Representative)

(Printed Name of Foreign Representative)

Date

Signature of AttorneyX s/ Stacy L. Upton

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Stacy L. Upton Bar No. ASB-0841-Y78U

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) / Bar No.

Harry P. Long

Firm Name

Post Office Box 1468 10 West 11th Street, Suite 2A

Address

Anniston, AL 36202**256-237-3266****256-237-3268**

Telephone Number

Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Not Applicable

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social-Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X **Not Applicable**

Date

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social-Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual.

If more than one person prepared this document, attach to the appropriate official form for each person.

*A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.***Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests the relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X **Not Applicable**

Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Alabama
Eastern Division**

In re Karen Felesia Pontes

Debtor

Case No. _____

Chapter 11

LIST OF CREDITORS HOLDING 20 LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Name of creditor and complete mailing address including zip code</i>	<i>Name, telephone number and complete mailing address, including zip code, of employee, agent, or department of creditor familiar with claim who may be contacted</i>	<i>Nature of claim (trade debt, bank loan, government contract, etc.)</i>	<i>Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, disputed or subject to setoff</i>	<i>Amount of claim [if secured also state value of security]</i>
INTERNAL REVENUE PO BOX 21126 PHILADELPHIA PA 19114			DISPUTED	\$109,309.47
Alabama Dept. of Revenue PO BOX 327480 MONTGOMERY AL 36132				\$1,123.00
Wanda Spillman's Tax Service 1500B Gualt Ave. N Fort Payne, AL 35967				\$1,765.00
BANK OF AMERICA PO BOX 15726 WILMINGTON, DE 19886-572				\$5,140.29
VERIZON WIRELESS P.O. BOX 660108 DALLAS, TX 75266-0108				\$951.67
NCC BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. 3733 UNIVERSITY BLVD. W SUITE 300 JACKSONVILLE, FL				\$5,140.29

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FINANCIAL PACIFIC LEASING, INC. 3455 S. 344TH WAY, #300 FEDERAL WAY, WA 98001				\$307.33
RMS				\$447.50
THE DEKALB ADVERTIZER 220 GUALT AVENUE N FORT PAYNE, AL				\$51.00
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEM, INC. 132 WEST 31ST STREET 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10001				\$7,300.00
EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS, INC. PO BOX 13811 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19101				\$408.00
RICHARD G. HOEFLING, ESQ. 1520 SOUTH YORK RD. GASTONIA, NC 28052				\$671.25

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FARMERS TELECOMMUNICATION COOPERATIVE PO BOX 217 RAINSVILLE, AL 35986				\$400.29
Edith S. Pickett, Esq. Shapiro & Pickett, LLP 651 Beacon Pkwy, Ste 115 Birmingham, AL 35209				\$208,000.00
First National Bank Highway 40 Henagar, AL 35978				\$393,458.27
Delta Com Atlanta, GA				\$150.00
Chattanooga State University 4501 Amnicola Hwy Chattanooga, TN 37406				\$1,050.00
INTERNAL REVENUE PO BOX 21126 PHILADELPHIA PA 19114				\$679.00

Penalty for making a false statement or concealing property. Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both. 18 U.S.C §§ 152 and 3571.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Alabama
Eastern Division

In re Karen Felesia Pontes
Debtor

Case No. _____
(if known)

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☐ 2. Within the **180 days before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]* _____

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

B 1D (Official Form 1, Exh. D) (12/08) – Cont.

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. ' 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: s/ Karen Felesia Pontes
Karen Felesia Pontes

Date: November 17, 2009

In re Karen Felesia Pontes
Debtor

Case No. _____
(If known)

DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules, consisting of 18 sheets, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date: November 17, 2009

Signature: s/ Karen Felesia Pontes

Karen Felesia Pontes

Debtor

[If joint case, both spouses must sign]

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

(NOT APPLICABLE)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Alabama
Eastern Division

In re: Karen Felesia Pontes

Debtor

Case No.

Chapter

11

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY
FOR DEBTOR**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$	<u>10,000.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance Due	\$	<u>0.00</u>

2. The source of compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify)

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify)

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation, is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a) Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b) Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs, and plan which may be required;
- c) Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d) Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;
- e) [Other provisions as needed]

to be billed at the hourly rate of \$325.00 per hour for Harry P. Long and \$200.00 per hour by Stacy L. Upton

6. By agreement with the debtor(s) the above disclosed fee does not include the following services:

None

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

Dated: November 17, 2009

s/ Stacy L. Upton
Stacy L. Upton, Bar No. ASB-0841-Y78U

Harry P. Long
Attorney for Debtor(s)

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
EASTERN DIVISION**

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 11 U.S.C. § 341

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, the Office of the United States Bankruptcy Administrator has prepared this information sheet to help you understand some of the possible consequences of filing a bankruptcy petition under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. This information is intended to make you aware of -

- (1) the potential consequences of seeking a discharge in bankruptcy, including the effects on credit history;
- (2) the effect of receiving a discharge of debts in bankruptcy;
- (3) the effect of reaffirming a debt; and
- (4) your ability to file a petition under a different chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

There are many other provisions of the Bankruptcy Code that may affect your situation. This statement contains only general principles of law and is not a substitute for legal advice. If you have any questions or need further information as to how the bankruptcy laws apply to your specific case, you should consult with your lawyer.

WHAT IS A DISCHARGE?

The filing of a chapter 7 petition is designed to result in a discharge of most of the debts you listed in your bankruptcy schedules. A discharge is a court order that says that you do not have to repay your debts, but there are a number of exceptions. Debts which usually may not be discharged in your chapter 7 case include, for example, most taxes, child support, alimony, and student loans; court-ordered fines and restitution; debts obtained through fraud or deception; debts which were not listed in your bankruptcy schedules; and personal injury debts caused by driving while intoxicated or taking drugs. Your discharge may be denied entirely if you, for example, destroy or conceal property; destroy, conceal or falsify records; or make a false oath. Creditors cannot ask you to repay debts which have been discharged. You can only receive a chapter 7 discharge once every eight (8) years.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF A DISCHARGE?

The fact that you filed bankruptcy can appear on your credit report for as long as 10 years. Thus, filing a bankruptcy petition may affect your ability to obtain credit in the future. Also, you may not be excused from repaying debts that were not listed on your bankruptcy schedules or that you incurred after you filed bankruptcy. There are exceptions to this general statement. See your lawyer if you have questions.

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF REAFFIRMING A DEBT?

After you file your bankruptcy petition, a creditor may ask you to reaffirm a certain debt or you may seek to do so on your own. Reaffirming a debt means that you sign and file with the court a legally enforceable document which states that you promise to repay all or a portion of the debt that may otherwise have been discharged in your bankruptcy case. Reaffirmation agreements must generally be filed with the court sixty (60) days after the first meeting of creditors.

Reaffirmation agreements are strictly voluntary. They are not required by the Bankruptcy Code or other state or federal law. You can voluntarily repay any debt instead of signing a reaffirmation agreement, but there may be valid reasons for wanting to reaffirm a particular debt. This is particularly true when property you wish to retain is collateral for a debt.

Reaffirmation agreements must not impose an undue burden on you or your dependents and must be in your best interest. If you decide to sign a reaffirmation agreement, you may cancel it at any time before the court issues an order of discharge or within sixty (60) days after you filed the reaffirmation agreement with the court, whichever is later.

If you reaffirm a debt and fail to make the payments as required in the reaffirmation agreement, the creditor can take action against you to recover any property that was given as security for the loan and you may remain personally liable for any deficiency. In addition, creditors may seek other remedies, such as garnishment of wages.

OTHER BANKRUPTCY OPTIONS

You have a choice in deciding what chapter of the Bankruptcy Code will best suit your needs. Even if you have already filed for relief under chapter 7, you may be eligible to convert your case to a different chapter.

Chapter 7 is the liquidation chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. Under chapter 7, a trustee is appointed to collect and sell, if economically feasible, all property you own that is not exempt from these actions.

Chapter 11 is the reorganization chapter most commonly used by businesses, but it is also available to individuals. Creditors vote on whether to accept or reject a plan, which also must be approved by the court. While the debtor normally remains in control of the assets, the court can order the appointment of a trustee to take possession and control of the business.

Chapter 12 offers bankruptcy relief to those who qualify as family farmers. Family farmers must propose a plan to repay their creditors over a three-to-five year period and it must be approved by the court. Plan payments are made through a chapter 12 trustee, who also monitors the debtors' farming operations during the pendency of the plan.

Finally, chapter 13 generally permits individuals to keep their property by repaying creditors out of their future income. Each chapter 13 debtor writes a plan which must be approved by the bankruptcy court. The debtors must pay the chapter 13 trustee the amount set forth in their plan. Debtors receive a discharge after they complete their chapter 13 repayment plan. Chapter 13 is only available to individuals with regular income whose debts do not exceed \$1,000,000 (\$250,000 in unsecured debts and \$750,000 in secured debts).

AGAIN, PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR LAWYER IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION OR EXPLANATION, INCLUDING HOW THE BANKRUPTCY LAWS RELATE TO YOUR SPECIFIC CASE.

By signing below, I/we acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of this document, and that I/we have had an opportunity to discuss the information in this document with an attorney of my/our choice.

Date November 17, 2009

s/ Karen Felecia Pontes
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