

BULLETIN OF CASES FOR REFERRAL TO VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

03/18/13

BANKRUPTCY

12-O451728 – Client is in need of Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. Orleans Parish.

12-O451732 – Client is in need of Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. Orleans Parish.

12-O451768-- Client is in need of Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. Orleans Parish.

12-O451805-- Client is in need of Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. Jefferson Parish.

13-O450004 – Client is in need of Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. Orleans Parish.

13-O450007 – Client is in need of Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief. Jefferson Parish.

CHILD SUPPORT

13-O450157—client seeks reduction due to outlays made for child. Orleans Parish (case in Jefferson)

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

12-O451689 – Clients purchased home through Crescent City Housing with a soft second mortgage. After 10 years of payment compliance, soft second was to be forgiven. Clients have complied, but mortgage has not been forgiven. Orleans Parish

12-O451740 – Dispute over ‘bond for deed’ contract. Client seeking reimbursement of deposit or filing of bond for deed. Jefferson Parish. ---20 day letter

13-O450083 – Client hired Keith Haynes to repair electrical wiring in home after Hurricane Katrina. Worked was not performed properly, and client later learned that Haynes was not a licensed contractor. There is loose wiring in the attic that makes other contractors reluctant to fix due to potential liability issues. Orleans Parish.

13-O450131—client paid adverse \$15,000 for work on porch and to build extra room, work barely started and never completed. Jefferson Parish. Left message 3/12

13-O450154—client hired Erroll Jerome/Interface Construction for work on house, paid \$97k, much work undone and damage to property, plus City has placed lien on house. Orleans Parish.

13-O450178—client paid \$2400 to New Orleans Hurricane Shutters and Windows LLC for repairs to windows/hurricane shutters, work not correctly done, fears windows will fall out in high wind. Orleans Parish.

13-O450270—client paid almost \$40k to get his house elevated, then another much more to get work corrected. Suit was filed in CDC in 2007, parties answered in August 2010, suit can be dismissed for abandonment in August 2013.

13-O450242—client was contracted to have their property elevated, signed a contract 10 months ago with UMB/Bruce Richardson. Richardson began the project, tearing up the client's home, but after six months and after receiving the first payment via a federal program, contractor stopped working and told the client he/company was no longer in business. Per the La Sec of State's Corp Database, corp is still active and in good standing. Orleans Parish.

13-O450237--84 year old widow living with her two adult children, both with serious medical issues, only income is Social Security. She needed her upstairs bathroom refurbished, due to damage done by Katrina and to accommodate her children. She contacted Nu Bath. Over a week's length time -starting 01/16/13- she had been given three (3) different prices and offered and denied different discounts/promotions, which had been advertised. She said explicitly she could not afford the first price she had been given. Apparently discounts were applied to the first price quote, which were included on a "short form", leading her to place a deposit. After being told different stories, she attempted to get her deposit back, but was refused. Installation was set for the end of February. Note, can see coupon on their website, (newbathnow.com). Orleans Parish.

CONSUMER

13-O450011 – Client is being sued on open account by Cach LLC. Client is disabled and had disability insurance that covered the amount of the debt. Jefferson Parish.

13-O450081 – Client is being sued by Cox Communications for cost of downloading pornography, which client did not download. Jefferson Parish.

13-O450087 – Client financed credit card machine for business from Merchant Service. Machine never worked properly. After trying and failing to resolve the issue with vendor and finance company, client discontinued payment and is now being sued by finance company. Orleans Parish.

13-O450179—client paid \$9,000 for adverse to buy car at auction, adverse has delayed delivering car for over 18 months. Client in St. Tammany but adverse in St. Bernard.

13-O450269 – Client's NetSpend (a prepaid debit card) card has been frozen, leaving him unable to pay rent. Orleans Parish.

CUSTODY

13-O450031--client wants custody of one child, ex-husband will consent. Jefferson Parish. Need someone who speaks Spanish.

DIVORCE WITH CUSTODY

13T-O450183—client wants divorce and custody of four minor children, husband wants visitation. Jefferson Parish.

LANDLORD/TENANT

13-O450322—client has been refused return of security deposit for several reasons she contests. Orleans Parish.

IMMIGRATION

13-O450328—client is a victim of human trafficking, wants visa, has initiated process with Homeland Security. Needs Spanish speaker, but an organization also working on the case can help defray costs if a translator is needed. In addition, a social worker at Jewish Family Services is available and should be included in first interview since client is very frightened. Orleans Parish.

LICENSES

13-0450088—Client needs assistance getting his taxi driver permit back, license was suspended for a DUI but has been re-gained by client. Orleans Parish.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

13-O450255—client from Mexico was supposedly married in 1994 in Baton Rouge, but has lost marriage certificate and never turned it in after the wedding. Now the clients is having a documentation problem, needs to get her name corrected with SSA, and also cannot get information about husband's death since he is listed with SSA as being a widower. Spanish speaker. Jefferson Parish.

PATERNITY

12-O451482—client is paying child support for child not his, never acknowledged child and was never married to mother. Orleans Parish.

12-O451588—client contends two children are not his, has DNA testing scheduled. Orleans Parish.

WAGE CLAIMS

13-O450032—client did work and was never paid, adverse issued check that was returned NSF. Jefferson Parish—needs Spanish speaker.

13-O450319 – client says that it she has not received eight days of wages from a former employer and has been over thirty days now. Jefferson Parish—needs Spanish speaker.

13-O450316 – client received a check in the amount of \$58.13 from MDT Personnel for work. He tried to cash the check at a gas station on Canal Street (he cannot remember the exact name of the station). The gas station employee told him that there was no money in the account and that they could not cash it. The client may have a viable fair wage claim issue. Check has Florida address for company, but company is registered in LA. Orleans Parish

WILLS

12-O451191 and 1192—76 year old client wants a will and power of attorney. Orleans Parish.

13-O450266-50 year old client wants a will. Orleans Parish.

13T-O450313—86 year old client wants a will. Jefferson Parish.

13T-O450341—81 year old client wants a will. Jefferson Parish.