

Everyone will know I filed for bankruptcy. Wrong!

People interested in filing bankruptcy are often fearful that their neighbors and co-workers will find out. Let's take a look at what's so about that.

- A bankruptcy filing is a public record. **BUT to access these records, someone must subscribe (for a fee) to the PACER court filing service.** Most people don't even know PACER exists, much less want to subscribe to it and look up your bankruptcy filing.
- **PACER is not indexed by search engines**, including Google, so you can't search on Google and find your bankruptcy filing.
- Long ago, a bankruptcy filing was not a common occurrence so might be thought of as news. **Today, when over one million people file bankruptcy each year, it's no longer news.**
- I've heard that a few newspapers in smaller towns, mostly in the Eastern United States, subscribe to PACER and publish local filings. **I've never heard of that happening in California.**



So put that one to rest and take a good hard look at whether filing bankruptcy would be a good thing for you. How do you do that? **By getting a consultation with an experienced bankruptcy attorney in your area.** If you live in the San Francisco Bay Area, you can get a free consultation with me [here](#).

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