

How To Pay For Bankruptcy In Minnesota



It seems like a total Catch-22: if you're in enough financial trouble that you're considering filing for bankruptcy, how are you going to pay for that bankruptcy? You'll want a bankruptcy attorney in order to be sure you're protecting all of your rights and, if applicable, ending up with the best repayment plan, but attorneys are not generally seen as a cheap expense. Further, as you might guess, there are court filing fees and costs involved in a bankruptcy proceeding. What to do?

First, keep in mind that a Minnesota bankruptcy lawyer is not likely to be as expensive as you might think. Typical attorney fees might be in the \$1,500 to \$2,500 range. Issues that affect the cost include:

- the type of bankruptcy you're filing for (some are more complicated, and will require more of your attorney's time, than others)
- whether court fees are included in the price an attorney quotes for his or her services
- any complications to your case that affect how much time the case is going to require

Fees

Court filing fees are, currently, \$306 for a [Chapter 7](#) bankruptcy and \$281 for [Chapter 13](#). Depending on what fee agreement you come to with your attorney, you may be required to pay these yourself, upfront, or they may be included in your attorney's fee. If you're paying the fees yourself, you can make an application to pay the fees in two installments.

Your attorney won't necessarily require the entire payment of his or her fee in one go. Many attorneys offer monthly payment plans, and if the attorney you're interested in hiring doesn't, you can always try to negotiate!

If paying for bankruptcy still sounds like a formidable obstacle, keep in mind that, through bankruptcy, you will be reducing your current debt. That means that after the bankruptcy process is complete or a repayment plan has been made, you'll have more cash available each month from which to make attorney fee payments. Consider how and whether paying for bankruptcy, while difficult in the short term, may end up saving you money in the long term by reducing your debt and interest payments.

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