

CERTIFIED BANKRUPTCY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The Certified Bankruptcy Program provides a general background in bankruptcy law and writing skills to assist individuals in their jobs as professionals and for work skill enhancement. All requirements for and all benefits to be derived from recognition as a certified bankruptcy assistant and/or a successful graduate of the Program are for use in personal skill enhancement and for development of increased training qualifications for private or public employment in the bankruptcy field.

The Program and its certification are not designed or intended to qualify individuals to practice law, sign ANY LEGAL documents, and/or teach the course materials to anyone else for any purpose.

Purpose of the CBA

The Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants (ABJA) is a national organization formed by the judicial assistants/secretaries to United States Bankruptcy Judges.

Understanding that certification in a particular field can promote and maintain professional standards, the ABJA Continuing Legal Education Committee developed and modified the Certified Bankruptcy Assistant ("CBA") program for non-lawyer persons. Bankruptcy law has developed into a very unique, sophisticated, and technical area of expertise. This certification program will enable secretaries/judicial assistants/law clerks, paralegals and bankruptcy support staff to keep pace with new developments and will be an effective quality improvement mechanism for employers.

This certification program was developed with the assistance of the Knapp Designing Certification and Accreditation Programs, associated with the American Bar Association Accreditation of Specialty Certification Programs for Lawyers, through the American Bankruptcy Institute.