



PAYROLL DEPARTMENT

RE: NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY AND DEMAND TO STOP ALL GARNISHMENT ACTIONS

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to inform you that our client, who has provided you a copy of their case information with this letter, has filed for bankruptcy protection in order to protect themselves from collection actions by creditors.

Our client's pay checks are currently be garnished per a garnishment order to your company.

When a bankruptcy petition is filed, a temporary injunction called the "Automatic Stay" immediately goes into effect. You can review this information at 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) which is the federal code cite for this bankruptcy protection.

This injunction not only applies to creditors but it also applies to employers who have been served with garnishment papers. *In re Highsmith, 542 B.R. 738 (Bankr. MDNC 2015)* which found both the creditor and employer were liable for damages for violating this injunction by continuing to garnish the debtor's wages after a bankruptcy had been filed.

We are requesting that an answer to the garnishment be filed by simply writing the client's bankruptcy information on the Garnishment Answer form at the line that says: "**Garnishee further states....**". Your company should a copy of this garnishment order and the answer form on file since this order is in effect.

In addition we are requesting that, with the exception of any child support or alimony deductions, your payroll department stop all garnishment orders immediately and that any funds withheld, but not sent to the garnishment creditor, be sent directly to the bankruptcy trustee assigned to this case.

If your company has counsel please forward this information to their attention. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at Lsaedi@saedilawgroup.com.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorena Saedi".

Lorena Saedi