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**DEALING WITH CREDIT AND BANKRUPTCY
CHECKLIST: DOCUMENTS TO SHOW TO YOUR ATTORNEY**

When faced with credit problems and potential bankruptcy, hiring an attorney might be the answer to getting your financial life back on track. If you are planning to contact an attorney, use the checklist below to gather the documents that the attorney will need to see to provide you with the best advice and representation.

- All financial records. This includes:
 - Most recent bank statements
 - Most recent bills from every creditor
 - Most recent payment coupons for vehicles (lease or purchase), real estate, and student loans
 - Bills or invoices for purchases in the last year
 - Receipts
- Files from previous litigation, including especially any judgments that have been entered against you
- Files from previous attorneys
- Any divorce decree or other court order that requires you to pay child support or maintenance
- Canceled Checks for any expense you cannot otherwise document
- ALL your correspondence with or regarding creditors, especially threat letter
- ALL insurance policies
- Tax returns for the last three years
- Vehicle titles
- Your lease or mortgage
- Any promissory notes you have signed
- Other documents relating to debts you owe other people
- Any proof that anyone owes you money
- Any lawsuits with which you have been served