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FORENSIC MITIGATION

What is forensic mitigation, debt negotiation and/or debt restructuring?

Forensic mitigation is when your creditor agrees to accept less than you owe to satisfy your debt. This process usually involves negotiations between the creditor and his or her creditors in order to reach a settlement and for less than the full balance. These negotiations are often conducted on behalf of the consumer by a professional debt negotiator.

Where does a forensic mitigation company fit into my debt resolution goals?

Forensic mitigation can be an excellent debt relief option for people who cannot afford Consumer Credit Counseling, but also want to avoid bankruptcy. A forensic mitigation company will substitute a savings plan that fits your financial situation and help you set aside funds to pay off settlements. Due to a forensic mitigation company's lack of emotional involvement with your accounts, you can be sure that their negotiating position is objective and effective. When you hire a forensic mitigation company to negotiate on your behalf, you not only deposit money into a savings account each month. Once enough money builds up in your savings account, the forensic mitigation company uses those funds to obtain a settlement with your creditors for less than the outstanding balance.

How does a forensic mitigation company fund its operations?

Unlike many debt relief options that use settlements set funded by the very creditors you are trying to settle with, debt restructuring professional payment plans typically operate with its consumer's best interest in mind. As a result of this arrangement, the forensic mitigation company funds its operations by charging its clients fees for the professional services performed by its company.

How much money can forensic mitigation save me?

Each forensic mitigation client's unique and your results vary. Settlement savings may depend on what your creditor is or what type of debt you have. Settling your debt for 30% of the credit balance owed is not uncommon and most forensic mitigation companies negotiate for percentages somewhere between 30% and 60%.

How quickly can I be out of debt?

The amount of time it takes to get out of debt greatly depends on your situation. A professional forensic mitigation program usually takes about 30 months or less to resolve all unsecured debt accounts. The time it takes to complete a forensic mitigation program also depends on how much debt you have, how much money you have to negotiate with, and the status of your debt accounts.

Some settlements can take a few months to be finalized and it is essential to let your creditors sign. It is also important to let your negotiator funds arrive enough to offer a settlement to your creditors.

Why would my creditors agree to accept less than the amount I owe them?

Your creditors prefer to collect the full amount you owe. However, they know that if you file bankruptcy, they may get nothing at all. Because of the possibility of being a total loss, creditors are usually open to debt restructuring, especially once they recognize the financial hardship you are facing. In other words, your creditors would rather accept a lump sum payment of less than the full balance owed than risk getting nothing at all.

How does forensic mitigation differ from counseling?

Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies (CCA) are organizations that provide counseling services to help you budget and organize your finances so you can pay back your debt. CCA's work to lower your interest rate so you can pay back your creditors. While some CCA's may do a good job of understanding a repayment plan, more concerning however as a Debt Management Plan (DMP), many of them also are funded by the very creditors you are trying to settle with. So, you may end up with a repayment plan that is to your creditor's best interest and not your own.

A forensic mitigation company is funded entirely through the fees it collects from clients, so they work entirely for you, not your creditors. A forensic mitigation company will negotiate settlements with your creditors rather than help you in the minimum payment, debt plans where you likely get nowhere.

Should I consider bankruptcy?

Yes, it may be in your best interest to consider bankruptcy, although you should investigate all other avenues of debt relief before you do consider bankruptcy. Bankruptcy can eliminate all of your debt, but the consequences of bankruptcy may outweigh its benefits. The bankruptcy process is often time-consuming, invasive and expensive. It can also have you with a feeling of embarrassment due to the unfortunate social stigma associated with bankruptcy. Many people who filed for bankruptcy in the past may they would never consider it again.

What about debt consolidation?

Debt consolidation is when you combine all of your various debts into one large debt and you attempt to borrow your way out of debt. The most common debt consolidation loan is a home equity loan, which most consumers do not qualify for an unsecured loan. Home equity is the fair market value of your home minus what you still owe on your house. Consumers typically take out a home equity loan to help pay off other credit card bills, but this loan just moves the debt from unsecured accounts to one that is backed by their house to a secured debt. A debt consolidation loan secured with your home is very risky, because you could end up losing your home. If you are unable to pay the loan back.

For instance, if you take out a home equity loan and cannot afford to repay your lender, you could lose your house and eventually lose your home. Many consumers who choose a debt consolidation loan end up changing the loan on their credit card accounts, which may leave their credit score further and chances for snowballing financial difficulties. Debt consolidation may be an appropriate debt relief solution for some, but it may be in your best interest to investigate other debt relief options first. You should also inquire about changing unsecured debt into secured debt.

Who qualifies for forensic mitigation program?

Not everyone qualifies for forensic mitigation or debt restructuring. Generally, forensic mitigation is an alternative to bankruptcy for people with overwhelming debt who have reduced income or financial hardship that prevent them from fully repaying their creditors. Typically, most forensic mitigation companies require that you have at least ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in unsecured debt (such as credit card debt), are a home or automobile, attached to it) and are experiencing a legitimate hardship, such as unemployment, illness or other situation that has compromised your ability to repay your debts, or sometimes just barely makes minimum payments.

Who doesn't qualify for a forensic mitigation program?

Who does forensic mitigation typically may have a different set of qualifications for their program, most companies require their clients to have at least ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of unsecured debt, and have, or are experiencing a legitimate hardship. Typically, people who do not qualify for forensic mitigation either do not have enough debt, the wrong type of debt, or have too much or too little income as compared to their expenses. If you do not qualify for debt restructuring, it may serve your best interest to investigate other debt relief options such as Consumer Credit Counseling or bankruptcy.

What types of debts qualify for a forensic mitigation program?

Typically, only "unsecured" debts qualify for a forensic mitigation program. Unsecured debt is debt that is not "secured" by collateral, such as a home or automobile. Credit card debt is the most common type of unsecured debt. The amount of debt you owe may also play a significant factor in qualifying for debt restructuring. If you have ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more of unsecured debt (such as credit card debt), you are experiencing a financial hardship and you want to avoid bankruptcy, then you might qualify for debt restructuring. There are exceptions of unsecured debts that typically qualify for debt restructuring.

Unsecured Debt

Credit Cards

Medical Bills

Personal Loans

Department Store Credit Cards

Unsecured Bank Loans

Bank Overdraft & Reversed Fees

Gift certificates

Jewelry Store Loans

Furniture Store Loans

Recessions

Business Debt

Consumer Loans

Litigation

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Car Loans

Private Companies

Abusive Time Shares

Pay Day or Cash-Off Loans

Embargo or Bankruptcy From Prior Resolutions

¹ Acceptance of any particular debt is dependent upon the individual facts and circumstances and approval of a lawyer.

Can't I negotiate a settlement on my own?

You can certainly attempt to negotiate a settlement on your own. But if you do, state such you do it right, as we receive many phone calls from collectors or their sales agents who are very aggressive in their collection. Our highly trained negotiators have years of experience negotiating and securing monthly settlements with creditors and debt collectors. Furthermore, we believe that Consumer Affairs Law Center stands out as a creditor's eyes as an honest and reputable law firm that doesn't work unsecured clients (i.e. those consumers who have the ability to fully repay their unsecured debt) and also creditors know that Consumer Affairs Law Center processes their settlements fairly and objectively including time and collection cost for the creditor.

It is substantially negotiable and will be left on your own getting other important things) you need to understand the collection process, differences between unsecured creditors and the right time to begin negotiations and agree to settlements. You must also understand how a settlement agreement is structured to make sure the agreement really works out the negotiated settlement.

Forensic mitigation is a complicated process. If you're not sure you have the knowledge, organization and self-discipline, you may want to seek it to professionals. Even if you have the time to learn how to save or negotiate and write your debts, you may still have some emotional attachment to the debt which could interfere with your negotiation. Professional debt negotiators conduct an objective session with the debt they write, which means they can see things you are too likely to be obscured by each collection.

What sets Consumer Affairs Law Center apart from other forensic mitigation, negotiation, or settlement companies?

Our results speak for themselves. Our clients feel comfortable with our program because we make sure that our forensic mitigation program is designed to fit their specific financial situation.

Our fee structure is also designed with you in mind. Unlike other forensic mitigation companies, we do not "front load" our fees. Some forensic mitigation companies charge fees or set of fees before the first few months of the forensic mitigation program. This prevents the motivation for these companies to continue working hard all your month because they already collected all their money in the beginning of your program. However, our program fees are spread out for the majority of your program. There is no front load money forensic mitigation more affordable for people struggling to get out of debt and it also ensures that we continue to provide the best possible service throughout your entire program. From the first day to the last day, our integrity also sets us apart from our competitors, as we will ensure the integrity of fees, if we can't help you.

Does Consumer Affairs Law Center work for me or my creditors?

Unlike most debt relief debt relief organizations or Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies, Consumer Affairs Law Center does not receive commissions or payments from your creditors. Our business is funded through the fees and charge you, so our loyalty remains solely with you. If you're considering using a debt relief debt relief organization, you may want to ensure that every such company receive some of their funding directly from their clients' creditors. In comparison, we do not receive any money from creditors. We work for you, and only for you.