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Throughout the history of the United States there have been several famous people who have filed for Bankruptcy and utilized their right to a fresh financial start.

Every person going through bankruptcy feels alone or that they are the only ones suffering from the stress and strain of financial struggles. And now, many people have the wrong impression that bankruptcy relief is no longer available due to the new bankruptcy law changes on October 17, 2005. In fact, the new bankruptcy laws have little effect on most people and in some cases, the new laws are even more favorable than they were before.

Throughout the State of Florida thousands of people and numerous businesses file for bankruptcy every year. It is likely that you may know, friends, family members, coworkers and neighbors who have filed, but they just don't advertise it. There are many famous people who have filed for bankruptcy and due to their celebrity status their bankruptcy filings are disseminated in the media. Bankruptcy relief in the United States has been around since the 1800's. Even the 16th President of the United States Abraham Lincoln filed for bankruptcy twice to start over. You too have a constitutional right to a fresh financial just like the famous individuals below. Remember that if bankruptcy relief was used by Abraham Lincoln, former Texas Governor John Connally, and many others to start over or reorganize their debts maybe you can to.

## **Famous Individuals That Have Filed For Bankruptcy**

- Abraham Lincoln  
16th President of the United States
- Benedict Arnold  
Betrayed colonists to British
- John James Audubon  
Illustrated Birds of America
- P.T. Barnum  
The Great American circus owner
- John Barrymore  
Actor; *Romeo & Juliet*
- Lionel Bart  
British composer - lyricist - playwright (1972)
- Kim Basinger  
Oscar - winning actress (1993)
- Frank Baum  
*Wizard of Oz* author
- Barbara Bel Geddes  
Actor; Miss Elle on *Dallas*
- Melvin Belli  
Famous Lawyer known as 'The King of Torts'
- Bunny Berigan  
Jazz trumpeter great
- George Best  
Manchester United soccer
- Jay Black  
rock star, lead member of "Jay and the Americans" (1986)
- John Wayne Bobbitt  
Penectomy survivor
- Peter Bogdanovich  
American Filmographer
- Bjorn Borg  
Pro tennis player
- Lorraine Bracco  
Oscar - nominated actress (1999)

Matthew Brady  
portrait / US Civil War photographer (1872)

Toni Braxton  
rock star (1998)

Louise Brooks  
Actor; *Pandora's Box*

Sylvia Browne  
Afraid to accept Randi's \$1million challenge

Lenny Bruce  
Comic; Multiply obscene comic

Buffalo Bill  
Wild West showman

Gary Burghoff  
Radar O'Reilly in *MASH*

Anita Bryant  
singer, 1958 Miss America 2nd runner up (1997)

Crazy Cabbie  
Radio personality on the Howard Stern menagerie

Tia Carrere  
Actor; *Wayne's World*

Nell Carter  
Actor; Housekeeper on *Gimme a Break*

Raymond Carver  
Author; *Will You Please Be Quiet, Please?*

Miguel de Cervantes  
Novelist; *Don Quixote*

George Clinton  
rock star (1984) (note: this is not the composer George S. Clinton)

Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain")  
best - selling American author - humorist (1894)

Natalie Cole  
singer

Gary Coleman  
actor (1999)

Concrete Blonde  
rock group

John Connally  
Former Texas Governor, wounded in 1963 Kennedy assassination in Dallas  
(1987)

Francis Ford Coppola  
Oscar - winning film writer - director - producer (1999)

Cathy Lee Crosby  
Actress - American Author (1992)

David Crosby  
singer / songwriter

Aleister Crowley  
Wickedest man in the world

Vic Damone  
singer (1971)

Dorothy Dandridge  
Oscar- nominated actress singer (1963)

Darren Day  
Music Theater Star

Daniel Defoe  
Author; Robinson Crusoe

Lee De Forest  
Oscar-winning film/sound synchronization pioneer, producer (1937)

Dino De Laurentis  
Oscar - winning film producer (1988)

John DeLorean  
Automobile designer and entrepreneur

Clarissa Dickson Wright  
Star of "Two Fat Ladies" TV cooking show fame (2003)

Walt Disney  
Oscar - winning film producer, animation & theme park pioneer (1923)

Henry Dunant  
Red Cross founder

William C. Durant  
Founder of General Motor

Eddy "the eagle" Edwards  
Great Britain's first Olympic ski jumper (1991)

Chris Eubank  
Former World Champion Boxer (2005)

Keith Farnie  
*Survivor II: The Australian Outback* contestant, chef-restaurant, American  
Author (1996/97)

Freddy Fender  
Musician; *Before the Next Teardrop Falls*

Stephin Fetchit  
Actor; Professional black stereotype

Eddie Fisher  
Singer; crooner dumped by Liz Taylor

Mick Fleetwood  
rock star, lead member of "Fleetwood Mac" (1984)

Heidi Fleiss  
Clothing line founder; American author

Henry Ford  
Automobile manufacturer

William Fox  
Co-Founder of 20th Century Fox Film Corporation (1936)

Red Foxx  
actor – entertainer

R. Buckminster Fuller  
Architect-futurist-invented the geodesic dome

Zsa Zsa Gabor  
Cop-slapping Gabor sister

Marvin Gaye  
singer (1970s)

Andy Gibb  
rock star (1987)

Gary Glitter  
Rock and Roll Part 2

Bernhard Goetz  
Subway vigilante criminal

Charles Goodyear  
19th century American inventor, who discovered how to vulcanize rubber

Ulysses S. Grant  
18th US President; Civil War general, best-selling American Author, face is  
pictured on the US fifty dollar bill ( 1884 after leaving office)

Elizabeth Ward Gracen  
actress; model; Miss America 1982 (1999)

Paulo Gucci  
1993

Bob Guccione  
publisher and founder of Penthouse magazine (2003)

Johannes Gutenberg  
Inventor of movable type

Tony Gwynn  
Batted .394 in 1994 for the Padres

Merle Haggard  
country music star (1993)

Corey Haim  
actor (1997)

Frans Hals  
Dutch portraitist

Dorothy Hamill  
Olympic gold-medal ice-skater (1996)

M.C. Hammer  
rock star (1996)

George Frideric Handel  
*Messiah* composer

Richard Harris  
Oscar-nominated actor-producer-director

Isaac Hayes  
Oscar-winning songwriter - composer - musician -singer (1976)

H.J. Heinz  
Founder of Heinz Ketchup

Margaux Hemingway  
Troubled actress OD'd on klonopin

Sherman Hemsley  
actor (2002)

Ty Herndon  
Country music star caught in cruisy park

Milton Snavely Hershey  
founder of Hershey's chocolate

Kent Hovind  
Creation Science huckster

Steve Howe  
MLB pitcher

E. Howard Hunt  
Coordinated Watergate break-in

Nelson Bunker Hunt  
Tried to corner the silver market

Ron Isley  
Rhythm-and blues singer (mid late 1990s)

La Toya Jackson  
rock star (1995)

Don Johnson  
actor-producer

Eli Jacobs  
Former Baltimore Orioles owner

Janice - Marie Johnson  
rock star/disco diva (1980s)

Al Jolson  
*Miami Vice, Nash Bridges*

George Jones  
Country singer

Grace Jones Singer  
Entertainer 1992

Kacey Jones  
country music star, musical humorist

Clay Jordan  
*Survivor V: Thailand* contestant; restauranter (2001)

Chaka Kahn  
rock star

Charles Keating  
Morality crusader, white-collar swindler

Buster Keaton  
Actor, *The General*

Bernard Kerik  
NYC Police Commissioner, 2000-2001

Margot Kidder  
Lois Lane in *Superman* movie

Larry King  
talk-show host, best selling American author (1978)

Robert Kiyosaki  
*Rich Dad, Poor Dad* author

Marion "Suge" Knight  
Death Row Records Rap Producer 2006

Bowie Kuhn  
former US baseball commissioner

Gary Kurtz  
Oscar-nominated film producer

Veronica Lake  
actress (1951)

Lorenzo Lamas  
actor (2004)

Cyndi Lauper  
rock star (1983)

Anton LaVey  
Founder of the Church of Satan

Stan Lee  
Comic book industry pioneer , co-creator "Spider Man," "The Incredible Hulk,"  
"The X-Men" etc (2001)

Jerry Lewis  
comic

Jerry Lee Lewis  
famous Rock n' Roll star

Horace Liveright  
Publisher of the Modern Library series

Meat Loaf  
rock star (1983)

Joe Louis  
Boxer 1956

Ashley MacIsaac  
musician fiddler (2000)

Jackie Mason  
comedian – entertainer

Henry Mayhew  
*Punch* journalist

Mindy McCready  
Country Music star , American author

George McGovern  
politician 1991

William McKinley  
25th US President 1897-1901

Tom Metzger  
white supremacist

Marvin Mitchelson  
celebrity divorce lawyer

Melba Moore  
Singer - Actress

Debelah Morgan  
Singer -Songwriter - Producer (2000)

Lorrie Morgan  
Country music star, American Author

Robert Morris  
Politician who financed Revolutionary War

Levi P. Morton  
Vice President under Benjamin Harrison

Motor City Five/MCS  
rock group of the 1960s (1970)

John Nash  
British Regency architect

Willie Nelson  
singer-songwriter-actor, American Author (1990)

Wayne Newton  
singer-actor - entertainer (1992)

Harry Nilsson  
singer/songwriter; *Me and My Arrow*

F. Donald Nixon  
Nixon's brother

Immanuel Nobel  
father of manufacturers - philanthropist Alfred Nobel , who founded the Nobel Prize (twice - 1833/year Alfred was born, 1856/ when Alfred was 23)

Mary Nolan  
actress (1931)

Emperor Norton  
Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico

Ted Nugent  
Rock Star

Kate O'Brien  
*The Land of Spices* novelist

Thomas Paine  
Common Sense activist

Johnny Paycheck  
country music star (1976)

Tom Petty  
rock star (1979)

Gaylord Perry  
baseball player

Philip II  
King of Spain, 1556-1598

Buddy Post  
Lottery millionaire

Susan Powter  
exercise/fitness expert, talk show host, best selling American Author (1995)

Burt Prelutsky  
American television writer; screenwriter (1997)

Randy Quaid  
actor

Lynn Redgrave  
actress

Rembrandt  
painter

Tommy Rettig  
actor; Jeff Miller in *Lassie*

Burt Reynolds  
Oscar-nominated actor - director , American Author (1995)

Debbie Reynolds  
Oscar nominated actress-singer, American Author (1997)

Mickey Rooney  
Oscar nominated actor, American Author (1962)

Rick Ross  
Activist; cult expert, deprogrammer

Run DMC  
Rap Group in 1993

Harry Saltzman  
film producer (James Bond movies) (1975)

Derek Sanderson  
Hockey Player

Ray Sawyer  
rock star, member of "Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show" (1973)

Oskar Schindler  
activist who saved over 1000 Jews from the Nazis

Shenandoah  
country music band (1991)

Billy Sims  
Detroit Lions RB

Tom Sizemore  
Heat, Robbery Homicide Division actor

Anna Nicole Smith  
Model-Actress, 1993 Playboy magazine "Playmate of the Year"(1996)

Dee Snider  
frontman for Twisted Sister, musician

Phoebe Snow  
Jazz vocalist

Lynne Spears  
American author, mother of rock star Britney Spears (1998, filed with husband James prior to Britney's stardom)

Leon Spinks  
boxer

Sheryl Swoopes  
Three-time WNBA MVP

J. Fife Symington  
Governor of Arizona (1995, while still in office)

Lawrence Taylor  
NFL hall of famer

Randall Terry  
Operation Rescue founder

Nikola Tesla  
Invented alternating current

Donald Trump  
billionaire entrepreneur

TLC  
rock group (1995)

Mark Twain  
*Huckleberry Finn* author

Mike Tyson  
boxer (2003)

Johnny Unitas  
legendary Hall of Fame football quarterback

John Whitehead  
*Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now*, musician

Oscar Wilde  
acclaimed poet and author

James Wilson  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice 1789-1798

Tammy Wynette  
country music star (1988)

Florenz Ziegfeld  
actor, the *Ziegfeld Follies*