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Bankruptcy Law Center opens Salt Lake office

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SALT LAKE CITY — The Bankruptcy Law Center has opened an office in Salt Lake City to assist consumers who are struggling with such things as overwhelming medical bills, difficult credit card and banking situations and more.

The goal of the private law practice, which is not a nonprofit organization, is to provide affordable help to individuals with debt reduction efforts, or filing for bankruptcy, if that is necessary.

Sarah Beck, the supervising attorney, said extraordinary medical bills are the number one reason nationally why most people file for bankruptcy. She said consumers have substantial rights, but often are unaware of how to protect themselves. "If folks only realized that there are ways to combat the financial Goliaths, we just need to get the word out ... and UBLC's aim is to do just that," Beck said.

The center is at 50 W. Broadway on the 10th floor. It can be reached at 1-800-450-9441.

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