

# How to Help Your Clients Help Themselves in Chapter 7

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# Trustee's Duties

- The trustee SHALL—
  - Collect and reduce to money property of the estate, and close the estate as expeditiously as is compatible with the best interest of the parties in interest
  - Be accountable for property received
  - ..investigate the financial affairs of the debtor
  - ..if the business of the debtor is authorized to be operated, file with the court ..periodic reports and summaries of the operation of such business
  - 11 U.S.C. § 704(a)(1),(2),(4),(8)

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