

The Supreme Court victory in *United States v. Windsor*

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*Because bankruptcy can damage your credit and have other serious consequences, it is very important to fully understand the advantages and disadvantages of filing. For more information, consult with a reputable bankruptcy attorney.*

### How can marriage or having been married impact a bankruptcy filing?

Marriage can impact a bankruptcy filing in several ways. A spouse's income can affect the debtor's ability to file for Chapter 7 or Chapter 13. A spouse's debts can also be included in the bankruptcy. If a debtor is married, the court will consider the couple's combined income and assets when determining eligibility for a bankruptcy filing. It is important to consult with a bankruptcy attorney to understand how marriage may affect a bankruptcy filing.

