

ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION



Lawyer Referral Service



The need for Lawyer Referral

The Alaska Bar Association offers our Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) as a resource to our community. It is made up of Alaska lawyers who have signed up to be listed under areas of law on the Lawyer Referral Service and each attorney that participates is an active member in good standing of the Alaska Bar Association. The LRS averages about 3,500 calls annually, with most of those callers referred to a panel attorney in their community. Others are guided to appropriate agencies.

The Alaska LRS is beneficial to everyone who uses it. The public benefits when legal services are made available. The individual attorney benefits from a new source of clients. The legal profession benefits through the improvement of its public image and by increasing its accessibility to the public.

If you are a member of the Alaska Bar Association and are covered by professional liability insurance, Alaska LRS needs you as a panel member. See page 2 for the LRS Enrollment Agreement.

Who calls LRS?

Most callers find they have a legal problem but have never used the services of a lawyer or are new to the community.

Callers requesting the service are informed that they will be referred to a lawyer who is in good standing, and who will provide them with an initial consultation at a reasonable fee.

How LRS works

The Alaska LRS is organized by areas of law and geographic location. Complete the application for membership on the following page and mail it, along with payment to the Alaska Bar Association.

Potential clients call the Bar office from anywhere in the state. The general nature of their problem is discussed, and if they have a legal problem, they are referred to up to three attorneys in their area. The client is responsible for making the appointment.

Clients are informed by the Bar that the attorney will charge no more than \$125 for a ½ hour consultation. After that, the arrangements for any further legal services and fees for those services should be discussed with the attorney.

Areas of LRS

- Administrative
- Admiralty
- Adoption
- Alaska Native Law
- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Arts
- Bankruptcy
- Commercial
- Construction
- Consumer
- Criminal - Felony
- Criminal - Misdemeanor
- Debt Collection/ Judgment Enforcement
- Discrimination
- Divorce/Dissolution/ Custody
- Eminent Domain
- Environmental
- Foreign Language
- Guardianship/ Conservator
- Immigration
- Insurance
- Juvenile Delinquency Law
- Labor Relations
- Landlord/Tenant
- Malpractice
- Military Law
- Mining
- Negligence
- Patent/Copyright/ Intellectual Property
- Public Interest
- Real Estate
- Social Security Disability
- Tax
- Traffic
- Trusts/Wills/ Estates
- Workers' Comp



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Mail completed form to:
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Lawyer Referral Service Enrollment Agreement

1. I am an active member, in good standing, of the Alaska Bar Association.
2. I have read the Charter of the Statewide Lawyer Referral Service.
3. I wish to be a member of the Statewide Lawyer Referral Service and agree to pay \$50 for each panel (category) selected. Panels may be timely renewed for \$20.
4. I agree to pay a \$4 surcharge for each referral made to me during a calendar quarter, and understand that this assessment will be made whether the caller referred actually appeared for the appointment made or even contacted me as a result of the referral. I further understand that failure to pay, within 20 days, the invoiced amount resulting from this quarterly assessment will result in a suspension of referrals until the amount due is received.
5. In the event that I am suspended from the LRS for nonpayment of the invoiced amount, I agree that in order to be reinstated to the LRS, I will pay the balance owed, plus a 10% reinstatement fee with a \$10 minimum fee.
6. My practice is covered by Errors and Omissions Insurance totaling at least \$50,000 (policy issued by: _____), and shall maintain such insurance at all times while participating in the Lawyer Referral Service.
7. I understand that in order to be eligible to participate in the Lawyer Referral Service, that I must complete at least nine hours of VCLE as stated in Bar Rule 65.
8. Enclosed is the total amount of \$_____, to cover the registration fee for the following panels:

9. I agree to a maximum charge of \$125 for the initial ½ hour consultation.
10. I will promptly inform the Alaska Bar Association of any change in my address or phone number.
11. In the event that a petition is filed for removal to inactive status for disability and/or if formal disciplinary proceedings are initiated against me, or if a criminal complaint is filed or an indictment returned alleging a serious crime [as defined in Alaska Bar Rule 26(b)], I hereby agree to a suspension of referrals until final resolution of the matter.

I have read the foregoing and hereby certify that the answers are complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____
(Signature) (Print or Type)

Date: _____ Member No.: _____