



STATE BAR OF NEVADA

Reach Out to the Working Poor

The Reduced Fee Panel

Public Service Everyone Can Afford

THE PROBLEM ... THE WIDENING GAP

Many Nevadans need an attorney but can't afford one.

But they earn too much to qualify for free legal assistance

Would you like to help these people achieve greater access to justice?

Now you can....

THE SOLUTION ... THE REDUCED FEE PANEL

Open to all Nevada attorneys on a volunteer basis.

A win/win proposition ... the working poor get legal help at a price they can afford ... attorneys provide the help while defraying much of the cost.

**LAWYER
REFERRAL**

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The Reduced Fee Panel...How Does It Work?

I. WHO CAN SIGN UP?

Every licensed Nevada attorney in good standing may sign up by completing the enclosed application. If you are not already a member of the State Bar's Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS), please also include proof of errors and omissions insurance coverage of \$250,000 per claim, with \$500,000 aggregate limits.

II. IN WHICH AREAS OF LAW MAY I CHOOSE TO RECEIVE REFERRALS?

Participating attorneys may choose from the panels described below. Note: Family Law and Bankruptcy are experience panels only.

FAMILY LAW PANEL: Includes all matters related to advice and handling of civil proceedings involving annulment or dissolution of marriage, custody, change of name, advice and preparation of settlement agreements, adoption, guardianship and related family transactions.

BANKRUPTCY PANEL: Includes all matters related to debtor/creditor problems involving insolvency, unmanageable debts, and bankruptcy.

TENANT LAW PANEL: Includes all matters related to real property possession problems, including collection of rent where eviction is involved.

CONSUMER LAW PANEL: Includes all matters related to contracts for purchase of goods, repair of goods and creditor collections and debtors defense.

III. MAY I LIMIT THE FREQUENCY OF REFERRALS RECEIVED?

Yes. Simply indicate on the enclosed application any limitations you desire regarding the frequency of referrals.

IV. HOW ARE THE CLIENTS SCREENED?

Clients are pre-screened by the LRIS staff over the phone. Clients may earn up to 300% of the federal poverty guidelines and be eligible. In addition these clients are required to sign a declaration of income and assets before retaining the attorney. If the client's declared income or assets are later revealed to be false or inaccurate, the client will be liable retroactively for the full fees due the attorney for actual services provided.

V. HOW ARE ELIGIBLE CLIENTS REFERRED TO ME?

Once the clients meet the income and asset eligibility guidelines, they are referred by the LRIS staff to participating attorneys on a rotational basis, depending upon the type of legal problem and geographical area. The client will then call the referred attorney to schedule an initial consultation.

VI. WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST?

Subject to existing obligations to the client and to the court, a participating attorney will refer the client back to the LRIS staff if he/she decides not to handle the client's matter or if a conflict of interest arises.

VII. WHAT AMOUNT MAY CHARGE THE CLIENT IN THIS PROGRAM?

Participating attorneys may charge up to \$25.00 for the initial 30-minute consultation or they may waive the fee at their discretion. After the initial consultation, participating attorneys may charge Reduced Fee Panel clients reasonable attorney's fees (including fees for support staff) up to a maximum hourly rate of \$75.00. In order to avoid confusion, the Reduced Fee attorney and client are required to reduce any fee agreement to writing.

VIII. WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Besides satisfying the pro bono goals of the Nevada Supreme Court Rule 191, participating attorneys will be given awards annually in recognition of exceptional efforts that exemplify the spirit of public service through participation in this program.

IX. FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Call 702-382-2200 or 1-800-254-2797 and ask for the LRIS department.

X. HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Simply complete the application that follows and return it, along with any necessary supporting documents, to:

LRIS
600 E. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89104



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LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE OF THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA

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REDUCED FEE PANEL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax number: () _____ Bar #: _____

Other states admitted (and active) to practice in: _____

Year admitted in Nevada _____ Other languages spoken _____

Are you presently a member of the Lawyer Referral & Information Service? Yes No
(If not, please submit proof of a lawyer's professional liability insurance policy (errors & omission) with a minimum coverage of \$250,000 per claim, with \$500,000 aggregate limits.)

Please select the panel(s) in which you wish to receive referrals:

- Consumer Law Tenant
 Family Law Bankruptcy (must be on Bankruptcy experience panel)

If you prefer, you may limit the frequency of referrals:

- One at a time Once monthly Other (please specify _____)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I _____, do declare:

I am an attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Nevada and will abide by the Rules of the Supreme Court of Nevada, the Rules of Professional Conduct relating to attorney conduct, and the Rules of Operation of the Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS).

I will receive clients at the address listed above and will personally interview the client for a fee not to exceed \$25.00 for the initial 30-minute consultation, and up to a maximum fee of \$75.00 for each hour thereafter. Furthermore, I agree to reduce any fee agreement to writing.

I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the State Bar of Nevada and its members (and the LRIS Committee and its agents) from any and all claims, demands, actions, liability or loss which may arise from, or be incurred as a result of, the operation of the service or referrals of clients to me through the Service, or the use of any information contained in the registration forms; and agree that the information contained in the registration form may be furnished to referred clients in the operation of the Service.

I have and shall maintain in force a Lawyer's Professional Liability Insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$250,000 per claim, with \$500,000 aggregate limits.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20__

Signature of Applicant