

# Lawyer Referral Service

## What is the Lawyer Referral Service?

Finding a lawyer can be a very difficult challenge for an individual who has never had to hire one. Of course, friends or work associates may be good sources for a referral. However, the State Bar of Nevada is also a resource when you need an attorney but are not sure where to turn.

- The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) is a nonprofit public service and a service to the members of the State Bar of Nevada. Each year, LRS assistants handle more than 15,000 calls from individuals with various legal questions and problems. When appropriate, assistants refer callers to Nevada attorneys who are members of LRS. More than 150 attorneys throughout the State of Nevada participate in the referral service.
- An attorney who is a member of LRS may charge no more than \$45.00 for an initial 30 minute consultation. However, there is no consultation fee in a contingency-fee case. If the client chooses to hire the attorney after the initial consultation, the attorney will negotiate the fee with the client.

## Is there a charge for calling the Lawyer Referral Service?

No, there is no charge for the Lawyer Referral Service. You can call LRS at **702-382-0504**, or toll free at **1-800-789-LRIS(5747)**.

## How does the Lawyer Referral Service operate?

The LRS hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. When a caller contacts LRS, an LRS assistant will ask the caller a series of questions. The assistants are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice. The caller will be given the name and telephone number of an attorney who accepts cases in the area of law that addresses the problem. If you know what kind of lawyer you need, you may also obtain a referral online at [nvbar.org/LRS](http://nvbar.org/LRS). Once a referral is made, you may contact the attorney directly.



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## What if I cannot afford an attorney?

All of the attorneys participating in LRS are private attorneys and will arrange their fee with the client. If the client cannot afford to pay an attorney's regular fee, the LRS assistants will attempt to qualify the client for a reduced-fee attorney or may refer the client to another consumer agency if appropriate. Attorney members on the reduced-fee panel can charge no more than \$25.00 for the initial consultation and no more than \$75.00 per hour thereafter. Reduced fee applies only to certain practice area panels, not to every type of panel the attorney signs up for.

## What are the qualifications of attorneys participating in the Lawyer Referral Service?

Attorney-members of LRS must be active members in good standing with the State Bar of Nevada and provide evidence of liability insurance. Attorneys choose the practice area panels from which they will accept cases. However, a referral to an attorney who has indicated his or her willingness to accept cases in a particular area of law does not mean that the State Bar of Nevada, or any other agency or board, has certified such lawyer as a specialist or expert in an indicated field of law.

In addition, the referral of an attorney on the Lawyer Referral Service does not mean that the attorney is necessarily any more competent than any other lawyer. All callers are urged to make their own independent investigation and evaluation of any lawyer being considered.