



Middlesex County Bar Association
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Lawyer Referral Service Membership Application

Name:
 Mailing Address:
 City, State, Zip:
 Office Location*:
 *if different from Mailing Address

Telephone: Fax:
 E-mail:

Languages Spoken: Secretary's Name:

NJ Bar Admittance Date Admission to Other Jurisdictions

*Please circle
 Certified Civil Trial Attorney: Yes / No Certified Criminal Trial Attorney: Yes / No
 Certified Matrimonial Attorney: Yes / No Certified Worker's Compensation Attorney: Yes / No

Areas of Law

I have experience and can represent a client completely as provided by Canon 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and agree to accept cases in all of the areas checked on the reverse side. I am aware that I am limited to selecting cases in (6) major areas of law (sub-areas do not count towards the major area limit).

I certify that I have handled five cases of the type listed within the last five years; or

Twenty-five percent of my practice has been of those type of cases and I have been in practice for more than one year.

By execution of this application, the undersigned attorney assures the public that the attorney is a member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, in good standing, qualified to practice and that the attorney will adhere to recognized ethical standards of the profession, as well as all present and future rules of the LRS. The attorney authorizes the Lawyer Referral Service Committee to examine any and all material presently on file or which may hereafter be filed with the Middlesex County Ethics Committee during the period that the attorney is a member of the Lawyer Referral Service.

I have read the Middlesex County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service by-laws and agree to abide by them.

Annual Dues

MCBA Members: ___\$100 2-3 Years ___\$125 4-5 Years ___\$150 5+ Years
 Non-MCBA Members: ___\$200 2-3 Years ___\$225 4-5 Years ___\$325 5+ Years

*Annual Dues - Please check the number of years you have been in practice.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ annual membership in the LRS and a copy of the declaration page of my professional liability insurance policy.

Panel Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lawyer Referral Service Categories of Law

I have experience and can represent a client completely as provided by Canon 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and agree to accept cases in all of the areas checked below. I am aware that I am limited to selecting cases in (6) six major areas of law (sub-areas do not count towards the major area limit).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Division of Motor Vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/> Div. of Youth & Family Serv.
<input type="checkbox"/> Military/Veteran's Benefits
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Licensure
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability
<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Compensation
<input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Comp. – Federal
<input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Comp. – State | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>CRIMINAL LAW</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Expungements
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal – Federal
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal – State
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal – Juvenile
<input type="checkbox"/> Parole Violation | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>MUNICIPAL COURT</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Violation
<input type="checkbox"/> DUI
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Possession
<input type="checkbox"/> Disorderly Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>APPEALS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>ELDER LAW</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid / Medicare
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Asset Protection Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>REAL PROPERTY</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Real Estate
<input type="checkbox"/> Condominium
<input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain/Condemnation
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner's Association
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord
<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Foreclosure
<input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Appeal
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Real Estate
<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning/ Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>BANKING LAW</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>ENVIROMENTAL LAW</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>TAX LAW</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>BANKRUPTCY-Consumer</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>ENTERTAINMENT LAW</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>TORTS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental Malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/> Libel & Slander
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/> Negligence-Plaintiff
<input type="checkbox"/> Negligence-Defendant
<input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability
<input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage
<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Torts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>BUSINESS LAW</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy – Corporate
<input type="checkbox"/> Collections
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts
<input type="checkbox"/> Franchises
<input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Securities | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>FAMILY LAW</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Custody/Child Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Mediation
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship
<input type="checkbox"/> Name Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Paternity
<input type="checkbox"/> Separation/Annulment | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>OTHER</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Contracts
<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit, Repossession & Garnishment
<input type="checkbox"/> Identity Theft
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Claims
<input type="checkbox"/> Warranties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>CHANCERY</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/> Wills
<input type="checkbox"/> Contested Probate
<input type="checkbox"/> Injunctive Relief
<input type="checkbox"/> Probate
<input type="checkbox"/> Writs
<input type="checkbox"/> Trusts, Estate Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Home/Hospital Visit | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Software Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet
<input type="checkbox"/> Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> Copyright | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>CONSTITUTIONAL LAW</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights (Age/Gender/Race)
<input type="checkbox"/> False Arrest, Police Brutality
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Harassment
<input type="checkbox"/> American Disability Act | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>IMMIGRATION LAW</u> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>COLLECTIONS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Creditor <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>INTERNATIONAL LAW</u> | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>LABOR LAW</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Employee
<input type="checkbox"/> Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
<input type="checkbox"/> Union
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension | |

- A. Panel members must be members in good standing of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, members of MCBA actively engaged in the practice of law and carry professional liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000/\$300,000 and submit proof of coverage annually to the Committee in the form of a copy of the face page of the policy.
- B. Panel members must provide each person referred by the LRS a 30-minute initial consultation and the fee for the initial consultation shall not be more than \$35.00, which will cover the attorney-client conference and advice, but not the preparation of letter or any legal documents.
- C. If after the initial consultation the attorney decides that he/she will not be able to take the case, the client will be returned to the LRS for further referral.
- D. Compensation for services to be rendered after the initial consultation will be arranged between the attorney and the client, and if any dispute over fees should arise, such dispute at the client's request, will be submitted for final determination to such committee as the MCBA may appoint and that such determination shall be binding.
- E. The LRS shall collect from panel members a percentage fee on all cases referred through the service where the client has been charged \$750 or more; a ten (10) percent fee shall be charged on all referral cases where attorneys fees collected from the client are between \$750 and \$50,000; in the event that the attorney's total fee collected is greater than \$50,000., then a fifteen (15) percent fee charge shall apply to that amount in excess of \$50,000.; and members agree that in the event a referral fee is not paid within 30 days of the date that it is received, to be responsible for cost of collection including reasonable attorney fees of 25 % of the amount due together with court costs and interest to be payable pursuant to Rule of Court.
- F. I agree that in consideration of the maintenance of the referral service any information contained in this application may be furnished to applicants in the operation of the Service; that my name may be withdrawn from any and all classification of the Service at any time, in the discretion of the majority of the members of the LRS Committee, provided that I am permitted to withdraw registration from any or all classifications of the Service upon 5 days written notice to the Committee; and I will abide by the rules of the Service which may be promulgated by the Committee.