

**Please check the listed areas below in which you will accept referrals.
Referrals will be made only in the areas checked.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATIVE LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> (89) General Pharmaceutical Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Social Security | <input type="checkbox"/> (51) Medical Negligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (18) Unemployment Compensation | <input type="checkbox"/> (58) Dental Negligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Medicare/Medicaid | <input type="checkbox"/> (52) Legal Negligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (15) N.C. Workers' Compensation | <input type="checkbox"/> (74) Veterinary Negligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (19) Federal: Disability, Workers' Comp. & Retirement | <input type="checkbox"/> (53) All Other Professional Negligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (20) Elder Law | <input type="checkbox"/> (55) Municipal Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (66) Licensing/Disciplinary Proceedings | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Personal Injury & Wrongful Death |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (90) SSI/SSD | <input type="checkbox"/> (73) Slip & Fall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (98) SSI (Juvenile) | <input type="checkbox"/> (65) All Other Torts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> (77) Slander/Defamation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (01) Contracts | <input type="checkbox"/> (06) Construction Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (02) Corporation & Partnership Law | <input type="checkbox"/> (39) Car Repair Dispute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (03) Franchise Law | <input type="checkbox"/> (76) Lemon Law/Warranty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (63) Nonprofit Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> (93) Identity Theft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (37) Securities | <input type="checkbox"/> (94) Toxic Mold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (83) Internet-Related Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> (97) HIPAA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (70) Banking Law | <input type="checkbox"/> CRIMINAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL PRACTICE | <input type="checkbox"/> (21) Felonies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (40) Adoptions | <input type="checkbox"/> (22) Juvenile Delinquency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (41) Custody/Nonsupport/Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> (23) Misdemeanors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (42) Divorce | <input type="checkbox"/> (24) Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (43) Family Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> (50) DWI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (44) All Other Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> (81) Inmate Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (04) Wills/Trusts | <input type="checkbox"/> (82) Post-Conviction Relief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (60) Probate | <input type="checkbox"/> (95) Expungement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (61) Estate Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> REAL ESTATE LAW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (25) Commitment | <input type="checkbox"/> (59) Buying/Selling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (71) Guardianship | <input type="checkbox"/> (26) Boundary Disputes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (75) DMV/Titles | <input type="checkbox"/> (28) Foreclosures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (96) Military Divorce | <input type="checkbox"/> (27) Tenant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LITIGATION | <input type="checkbox"/> (87) Landlord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (07) Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> (67) Government Housing Disputes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (54) Debt Defense | <input type="checkbox"/> (68) Homeowners & Condominium Assoc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (99) Repossessions | <input type="checkbox"/> (78) Manufactured Homes Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (08) Consumer/Truth In Lending | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LAW AREAS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (09) Commercial/Business Disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> (36) Taxation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (38) Employment Law | <input type="checkbox"/> (30) Environmental Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Employment Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> (31) Immigration/Civil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (79) Employment Health/Disability Ins. | <input type="checkbox"/> (88) Immigration/Deportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (46) Sexual Harassment | <input type="checkbox"/> (35) Copyright & Trademark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (33) Labor Law | <input type="checkbox"/> (45) Patent Law - Reg. # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (62) Civil Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> (32) International Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (91) Civil Rights (Police Matters) | <input type="checkbox"/> (47) Bankruptcy/Personal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Health Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> (84) Bankruptcy/Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (72) Life Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> (34) Military Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (64) Auto Property & Casualty Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> (05) Veterans' Rights/ Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (85) Homeowners Property & Casualty Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> (56) Entertainment/Sports Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (86) Business Property & Casualty Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> (57) Education Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (92) Insurance Claims Matters | <input type="checkbox"/> (69) Pension/Profit Sharing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Products Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Disability Law |

Please mail application and payment to:

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(For service during January 1 - December 31, 2008 • \$150 per attorney per county)

For more than 30 years, the North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) provided North Carolina attorney referrals to people in North Carolina, the US and the world. Our staff members are trained to listen and provide a referral that best matches the caller's needs. In 2007, we provided more than 53,000 referrals.

"The first year I was on the Lawyer's Referral Service, I received more than a ten times (10 X) return on my investment. I have been a member ever since!" – Ronnie Ansley (15 year member)



North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service Rules and Regulations

Preamble

The North Carolina Bar Association Foundation (hereinafter, NCBAF) recognizes that there is a large group of persons of moderate means who have felt that legal services were not readily available. In order to respond to the needs of those persons, the NCBAF established the North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service (hereinafter, LRS) in 1976.

Lawyer Referral Service Committee

The Lawyer Referral Service Committee is charged with the operation and oversight of the LRS.

Service Operation

- Referrals are made by area of law, county and on a rotating basis (pursuant to North Carolina State Bar regulations).
- Referrals may be made through the Call Center or NC Find-a-Lawyer (www.ncfindalawyer.org).
 - Call Center: Referrals made through the call center are made by calling one of the published LRS numbers. A LRS staff member interviews the caller to determine an appropriate referral based upon factors listed above.
 - NC Find-a-Lawyer: Referrals made through the internet are not subject to any interview or review by LRS staff members. After selecting an area of law and appropriate county, the attorney's name is selected by the computer and provided to the person in need.
- Referrals are made to the specific referred attorney. Referrals are not to be shared with non LRS panel members within the firm or office.
- Panel Membership is individual and not firm-based.

Qualifications and Membership

- All panel members must meet all of the following criteria:
- Current NCBA membership (for attorneys not currently NCBA members, application for NCBA membership may be submitted at the same time as the LRS membership application)
 - Member in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar (active member)
 - Show proof of and maintain liability insurance
 - Completed North Carolina LRS application/invoice
 - Payment of panel membership fee (\$150 per county registered – must have a physical office in each county registered).

Membership Termination, Suspension and Deactivation

Any member whose membership is terminated or suspended will not receive a refund of membership fees. Termination or suspension may result from:

- Automatic termination of LRS membership upon notice of

suspension and/or disbarment by the North Carolina State Bar. Panel member will receive written notification of such termination.

- Voluntary termination upon request of the member. This request must be made in writing and made to the Director of Public Service and Pro Bono Activities.
- Suspension of LRS membership upon failure to pay NCBA dues.
- Involuntary deactivation upon failure to maintain liability insurance. On or about 30 days prior to the expiration date, LRS staff will notify panel member in writing that the liability insurance will expire soon. Panel member's failure to respond to the notice prior to the policy's expiration with a new or renewed proof of liability coverage will result in involuntary termination until the proof of a new or renewed policy is supplied.
- Other termination, suspension or deactivation as deemed appropriate by the North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service Committee.

Membership Terms and Fees

- Panel member will charge no more than \$30 for the initial (up to) 30 minute consultation. Panel member is responsible for discussing additional fees with the client.
- Panel membership is \$150 per attorney per county registered.
- Panel member may donate 10% of any collected attorneys fees more than \$1000 to the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation to support the Lawyer Referral Service.

Confidentiality, Conflicts and Caller Information

- LRS does not arrange for, nor conduct, conflicts checks or screening. It is the responsibility of the attorney referred to handle these matters pursuant to best law practice management and in line with the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.
- LRS collects the caller's name and city, county and state of residence. Said information is based upon information provided by the caller and is provided to the attorney referred via the referral confirmation.

Records

The Service will keep on file a confidential record of all referrals and reports of panel attorneys which, upon request to and approval by the Lawyer Referral Committee, may be subject to appropriate examination and inspection.

Publicity

The Service will be publicized in such a manner and to such extent as will fulfill its objective consistent with the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct.

North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service APPLICATION

(for service during Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2008. \$150 per attorney per county.)

- [1] Name: _____ [2] County: _____
(last) *(first)* *(middle)*
- [3] State Bar Member #: _____ [4] NCBA Membership #: _____ *New NCBA Member*
- [5] Office Telephone: _____ [6] Fax #: _____
- [7] PO Box: _____ [8] City: _____ [9] Zip: _____
- [10] Street Address: _____ [11] City: _____ [12] Zip: _____
- [13] E-mail Address: _____
- [14] Foreign Languages: _____ speak read write
- [15] Disability Services: American Sign Language Braille Other: _____
- [16] Professional Liability Insurance Co.: _____
- [17] Policy No.: _____ [18] Exp. Date: _____
- [19] Willing to go to: Small Claims Court Federal Court [20] I do not wish to receive referrals through www.ncfindalawyer.org.

Optional Participation: I will consider making a voluntary contribution to the NC Bar Foundation of 10% of all fees generated in excess of \$1,000 from any one case. Yes No

Please note that Rule 7.2(e) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct contains a provision regarding participation in a lawyer referral service.

I am a paid member of the North Carolina Bar Association, am in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar and will abide by all the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service. I understand that I must maintain Professional Liability Insurance and agree to notify the LRS of any change in policy number or status. In conformity with the North Carolina Revised Rules of Professional Conduct, I agree to associate qualified co-counsel, or to refer the person to qualified counsel, in all matters where I know I do not have the experience or expertise necessary to competently handle an LRS referral. In compliance with LRS rules, I agree to charge NO MORE THAN \$30 for the initial up to 30 minute consultation.

[21] Date: _____ [22] Signature: _____

PAYMENT OPTION:

VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE: _____

Credit card authorization signature _____

Check enclosed (make checks payable to North Carolina Bar Association Foundation. Mail to address on the reverse of this form.)

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM
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