Full Scope Representation

Full scope representation for a fee will not end until the client chooses to end the representation or the case ends.

Limited Scope Representation

A lawyer assists with a specific task or tasks including legal advice, document preparation or review, limited court appearances, or another part of your case. The client and lawyer agree upon and clearly define specific tasks to be performed by the lawyer and by the client.

Pro Bono

“Pro bono” is a term to describe legal assistance from a lawyer to a people who cannot otherwise afford to pay the regular fee. Montana Legal Services Association or a local pro bono program will screen for financial eligibility to receive these services. You may also try to find your own pro bono lawyer by requesting that a lawyer represent you without charging a fee.

Contact a Self Help Law Center or Montana Legal Services.

Reduced Fee

A lawyer may be willing to represent you at a reduced fee. Often called “modest means,” a lawyer may charge you less based on your financial situation. Some lawyers set up a “sliding scale” to determine, based on your income, what fee you will be charged. The State Bar Modest Means Program is a great way to find a modest means lawyer.

Call Montana Legal Services Association or See Lawyer Referral Service for lawyers that provide “reduced fee” representation.

Standard Fee

The three most common types of fee arrangements are: hourly billing, contingent fee (lawyer is not paid directly by client until after the case is successful), or flat fee. Lawyer fees are based on the area of law and experience and vary greatly. Most lawyers in Montana charge between $100 and $250 dollars per hour. A lawyer may charge an amount of money up front, called a “retainer.” Contact the State Bar Lawyer Referral Service to find a lawyer.

State Bar of Montana

The lawyer referral and Information Service provides referrals to lawyers and information regarding other legal resources
(406) 449-6577
www.montanabar.org

Court Help Program Self Help Law Centers

Walk-in legal information services for self represented litigants
www.courts.mt.gov/selfhelp

Great Falls 1 (406) 205-0347
Bozeman 1 (406) 582-2158
Billings 1 (406) 869-353
Butte 1 (406) 497-6417

Kalispell 1 (406) 758-2496
Missoula 1 (406) 258-3428
Helena 1 (406) 444-9300

Montana Legal Services Association

Direct civil pro bono representation and lawyer referrals based on your financial status, merits of your case, and location.
1 (800) 666-6899
www.montanalawhelp.org