



2018 ACBA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

For questions or help, call Molly Myers at (518) 445-7691 x116

(This information is kept confidential)

Name _____
First Name M.I. Last

Home Address _____

Cell phone () _____

Organization _____

Business Address _____ Suite # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Telephone # () _____ Fax # () _____

Email for communications with us _____

Preferred address for mailings Home Work

Please Check Type of Employment:

Solo Practitioner Law Firm Public Sector Academic Judiciary Corporation Student

Languages other than English spoken _____

Practice Succession Plan (Who will have your files?) _____

Areas of Practice:

Labor Family Evidence (Trial Law) Landlord/Tenant Bankruptcy Commercial Appeals Estate Other

Level of Membership: <5 Years \$95 +5 Years \$145 Sustaining \$175 Student \$10 Affiliate \$25

Lawyer Referral Service (see enclosed documents):

1-2 Categories \$100 3-4 Categories \$150 Additional categories \$30 each (up to 3)

Please find enclosed my check for \$ _____

Please charge my credit card \$ _____

Type of card: Amex Mastercard Visa Discover

Name on card _____ Billing address Home Firm

Card number _____ Exp. ____/____ CVV _____

I Would Like to Be a Member of the following Committees (descriptions on the back):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Attorneys in Public Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf League
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLE Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small / Solo Attorneys Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Day Run Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Lawyers Committee

ALBANY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Get Involved

Want the most from your membership? Committee work is a great way to get and stay connected, as well as gain exposure within the legal field and beyond. Let us know your interest in a particular committee or feel free to contact the co-chairs directly to start a conversation. Please visit us online albanycountybar.com to read more about all the different Committees, many by Presidential appointment. The following are actively looking for new committee members. If you are interested in learning more or joining a specific Committee, please contact Marquita Jo Rhodes, Executive Director mrhodes@albanycountybar.com.

Attorneys in Public Service Committee

The Attorneys in the Public Service Committee was formed to increase participation by public sector attorneys in the Albany County Bar Association. Attorneys that work for local, county, state and federal governmental agencies have differing needs than attorneys that practice in the private sector, and as such the APS Committee is committed to making sure those needs are recognized and addressed by the ACBA.

CLE Committee

The ACBA and CLE Committee are committed to developing programming that is beneficial for the entire ACBA membership.

Law Day Run Committee

Grab your mark, get set and join a committee that really knows how to move. Money raised from the Law Day Run is used to support grants for programs in Albany County that assist victims of domestic violence. Grants are awarded through the Albany County Bar Foundation late in the year.

Small / Solo Firm Committee

The Small and Solo Firm Committee was created in order to give voice to those attorneys who are owners or operators of a small or a solo firm. The committee presents CLEs that are useful to those in small legal business owners, and also hosts social events so that attorneys can stay connected to their peers in the legal community.

Young Lawyers Committee

The Young Lawyers Committee caters to attorneys that have been admitted to the Bar for less than 10 years. The Committee hosts CLEs for new attorneys, networking social events, and is involved with community service projects ranging from Habitat for Humanity builds to attorney mentoring for local Youth Courts.

Golf League

Dust off those clubs and come play the greens at Capital Hills beginning in late spring 2018. Sign-up for the league or join as a sub!

ALBANY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE (“LRS”)
RULES AND GUIDELINES | RENEWAL REGISTRATION

Connecting the public to attorneys is the basic premise of the Lawyer Referral Service (“LRS”). But our service does more. We are an additional marketing arm for your firm by promoting the LRS to the general public, taking the time to conduct a basic screening and define which attorney might be best suited for the referral. While the ACBA performs the services of arranging for an applicant to consult a lawyer, the ACBA assumes no responsibility of any kind respecting the person referred or otherwise. ACBA makes no representation concerning any lawyer to whom the applicant is referred except that such lawyer is licensed in the profession. The usual relationship of lawyer and client shall exist between the lawyer who accepts an LRS assignment and his/her client as if the client had directly contacted the lawyer. Per New York’s Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 7.2(b)(3), ACBA in no way interferes with the professional judgment the participating lawyer has with his/her client.

- Attorneys are restricted to being listed to a total of seven categories on the LRS. The enrollment fee (due each year) is:
 - \$100 for two category listings
 - \$150 for up to four category listings
 - \$30 for each additional category (up to a total of seven categories)
- Clients referred through LRS shall receive a discounted consultation of \$25 for up to one-half hour, paid by the referred client directly to the attorney. The lawyer's fee is to cover conference and advice only and does not include the preparation of letters or documents. For further services, a fee will be agreed upon between the client and the lawyer, remaining consistent with the prevailing rate of charges in the community.
- **Implemented in 2017, the LRS will collect an administrative fee when a referred client retains a panel attorney.** This fee is calculated as follows: The first \$500 of any aggregate fee received by the attorney on a referred matter shall be retained by the attorney. The attorney is to remit to the Lawyer Referral Service 10% of the excess over \$500 of the aggregate fee received on a matter. For example, if a case generates a \$6,000 fee, the attorney would remit \$550 (10% of \$5,500). We will contact you with a Percentage Fee Report Form to remit your percentage fee on a quarterly basis.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Select one:

Renewal

Enrolling for First Time

*If first time, indicate States Admitted to Practice and Dates Admitted:

I am available to take clients who speak...

Spanish French American Sign Language Other(s)(specify): _____

Willing to travel? Yes No

Willing to work on contingency? Yes No

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
(YOU MUST FILL IN BLANKS AND SIGN BELOW)

1. I hereby certify that I have received and read a copy of the Rules and Guidelines of the ACBA Lawyer Referral Service.
2. I certify that I am in good standing with the New York State Bar. I understand that my standing with the New York State Bar will be verified upon receipt of this agreement.
3. I further certify that I am competent to counsel and represent clients in matters pertaining to the categories of law which I have designated in this enrollment application. I will disclose any public or private discipline brought before the Attorney Grievance Committee against me during the prior two years of this agreement. (Disclose any such disciplinary proceedings on attached sheets, if applicable.)
4. Errors & Omissions (Malpractice) Insurance Information: I represent that I am licensed to practice law in New York, that I am covered by a Professional Liability Insurance policy with limits of **not less than \$500,000**, and that I will maintain this policy throughout the period of my participation in the service.

(Copy of coverage page must be attached.)

Malpractice Insurance Policy Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Insurance Carrier: _____

Limit(s) of Coverage: _____

5. I agree to notify the ACBA immediately upon receipt of any referral if my malpractice insurance has lapsed, so that the ACBA may refer the client to another LRS member.
6. I further agree to conform to, and abide by, all Rules and Regulations presently existing or that may hereafter be adopted by the Lawyer Referral Service and the Albany County Bar Association and acknowledge that this application serves as an agreement between the Albany County Bar Association LRS and myself as a panel member attorney.
7. I agree to advise ACBA when a fee which I have collected on a matter referred to me by the LRS exceeds \$500.00, and I agree to timely remit to the ACBA its 10% of the amount in excess of \$500.00, which shall not constitute fee-splitting but is an administrative fee to defray the expenses incurred by the ACBA in operating the LRS.
8. I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Albany County Bar Association, its officers, directors, members, and employees (ACBA) and the Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) and its Committee from any claim, demand, action, liability, expense or loss arising out of my acts or omissions in the handling of all matters referred to me, the referral by the ACBA LRS, or my failure to comply with any provision of this application
9. I represent that all statements contained herein are true, and I agree to abide by this Application and Agreement.

Signature

Date

Please submit a signed copy of this contract, your designated categories, a copy of your current malpractice/E&O insurance declarations page, and your registration fee to:

Albany County Bar Association, c/o LRS, 112 State Street | Suite 1120, Albany, NY 12207

ALBANY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Referral Section: Please check any category you would like to receive referrals from.

Panel Name	✓
Administrative Hearings & Government Agency Challenges	
Animal Rights	
Appeals	
Banking/Financial Services Counseling	
Bankruptcy – Creditor	
Bankruptcy – Debtor	
Business – Corporation formation, Contract review, Debt collection, Counseling	
Business – Litigation, Shareholder/Investor disputes (PLAINTIFF)	
Business – Litigation, Shareholder/Investor disputes (DEFENSE/CORPORATE)	
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties – False arrest, Malicious prosecution, Excessive force, 1983 Litigation (PLAINTIFF)	
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties – Prisoners’ Rights (PLAINTIFF)	
Construction Law	
Consumer Protection -- Includes Lemon Law & Debt Collection (DEFENDANT)	
Criminal Law (DEFENDANT)	
Disability Law	
Education Law	
Elder Law – Planning, Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Abuse Allegations	
Employment/Labor Law – Alleged Wrongful Discharge, Harassment (EMPLOYER SIDE)	
Employment/Labor Law – Alleged Wrongful Discharge, Harassment (EMPLOYEE SIDE)	
Environmental Law	
Estates/Wills/Trusts	
Family Law – Adoption/Custody, Guardianship/Conservatorship, Matrimonial/Divorce	
Immigration & Naturalization Law	
Insurance Law – Carrier/Insurance Company	
Insurance Law – Insured/Policy Holder	
Intellectual Property Law – Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights	
Landlord/Tenant – Landlord	
Landlord/Tenant – Tenant	
Legal Malpractice – DEFENDANT	

Legal Malpractice – PLAINTIFF	
Medical Malpractice (Includes Dental) – DEFENDANT	
Medical Malpractice (Includes Dental) – PLAINTIFF	
Medical Negligence (Includes Dental) – DEFENDANT	
Medical Negligence (Includes Dental) – PLAINTIFF	
Municipal Law	
Name Change	
Negligence/Tort/Personal Injury	
Not-For-Profit/Non-Profit Law – Counseling & Formation	
Planning, Zoning, & Land Use – Counseling, Administration Hearings, Article 78	
Prison Tort Cases – PLAINTIFF	
Product Liability – DEFENDANT	
Product Liability – PLAINTIFF	
Public Utility Law	
Real Estate Tax Assessment/Grievance	
Real Property Law – Real Estate Closings	
Real Property Law – Related Disputes & Litigation	
Retirement, Pension & Social Security Law	
Tax Law	
Technology/Cyber Security Law	
Vehicle & Traffic Law	
Veterans’ Rights & Claims/Military Law	
Workers’ Compensation – DEFENDANT	
Workers’ Compensation – PLAINTIFF	

Lawyer Referral Service’s Panel Pricing:

Up to two categories = \$100.00

Up to four categories = \$150.00

Above four, each category = \$30.00

**Please calculate your total due then add it to your membership invoice.*