

Middlesex County Bar Association LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name:

Firm Name:

Office Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email Address:

Fax:

NJ Bar Admission Date:

Other State Bar Admissions: No Yes Please List _____

Certified Civil Trial Attorney: Yes No

Certified Criminal Trial Attorney: Yes No

Certified Matrimonial Attorney: Yes No

Certified Worker's Comp Attorney: Yes No

Foreign Languages spoken by attorney:

ANNUAL DUES

\$100 (2-3 yrs bar adm) \$125 (4-5 yrs bar adm) \$150 (5+ yrs bar adm) \$350 (Non - MCBA Member)

Have you ever been admonished or disciplined, or are now under investigation concerning any allegation of professional misconduct or wrongdoing? Yes No

Please enclose a check for annual membership in the LRS and a copy of the declaration page of your professional liability insurance policy.

AGREEMENT

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 five (5) major areas of law.

I certify that I have handled five cases of the type listed within the last five years; or Twenty-five (25%) of my practice has been of those types 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 abide by them.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

CLIENT CONTACT

Potential clients will be instructed to call your office, but you will be allowed to contact them. Do you want an e-mail sent to you with the client's name, e-mail, telephone number and a brief description of their legal matter?

Yes No If yes, please sign below:

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Middlesex County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

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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 five (5) major areas of law

ADMINISTRATIVE / EDUCATION

- Motor Vehicle Commission - 101
- Professional Review Boards - 102
- SS Disability Appeals - 103
- State Agencies Entitlements - 104
- Unemployment Appeal - 105
- Worker's Comp Federal - 106
- Worker's Compensation - 107
- Worker's Comp Appeal - 108
- Veterans' Benefits - 109
- Special Education - 110
- Student Discipline - 111
- Higher Education - 112
- Plagiarism - 113
- School Employees - 114

BUSINESS/ CONSUMER

- Bankruptcy Business - 201
- Business Contract - 202
- Business Dissolution - 203
- Business Formation - 204
- Buy & Sell Business - 205
- Commercial Landlord - 206 & Tenant
- Commercial Litigation - 207
- Disputes with Vendors - 208
- Franchises - 209
- Independent Contractor - 210
- Non Profit Organization - 211
- Auto Sales & Leases - 212
- Car Repair Dispute - 213
- Consumer Contracts - 214
- Identity Theft - 215
- Home Improvement - 216
- Lemon Law New - 217
- Lemon Law Used - 218
- Pet Issues - 219
- Property Damage - 220
- Repossession - 221
- Small Claims Court - 222
- Special Civil Part - 223
- Vehicle Storage Fees - 224
- Warranties - 225

CRIMINAL / MUNICIPAL

- Criminal Appeal - 301
- Expungement - 302
- Federal Court - 303
- Parole Violation - 304
- Seizure of Property - 305
- Superior Court - 306
- Civilian Complaints - 307
- Disorderly Person - 308
- Drug Possession - 309
- DWI - 310
- Municipal Appeal - 311
- Municipal Ordinances - 312
- Neighbor Disputes - 313
- Traffic Violations - 314
- Under Age Drinking - 315

DEBT

- Credit Card Debt - 501
- Credit Card Disputes - 502
- Judgment - 503
- Liens - 504
- Personal Bankruptcy - 505
- Small Claims Plaintiff - 506
- Small Claims Defendant - 507
- Special Civil Part Plaintiff - 508
- Special Civil Part Defendant - 509
- Student Loans - 510
- Wage Garnishment - 511

LABOR - EMPLOYEE

- Contract Dispute - 601
- Contract Review - 602
- Discrimination - 603
- EEOC - 604
- ERISA-Pensions, Insurance - 605 Benefits
- Family & Medical Leave Act - 606
- Federal Employee - 607
- Harassment Unfair Labor - 608 Practices
- Non-Compete Agreement - 609
- Severance Package - 610
- Sexual Harassment - 611
- Termination - 612
- Wage Disputes - 613
- Whistle Blower - 614

FAMILY / ESTATE & PROBATE

- Adoption - 401
- Annulment - 402
- Child Custody - 403
- Child Support & Modification - 404
- Child Visitation - 405
- Divorce - 406
- Divorce Mediation - 407
- Divorce Collaborative - 408
- Partnership Agreement - 409

FAMILY / ESTATE & PROBATE

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- Partnership Dissolution - 410
- Domestic Violence Defendant - 411
- Domestic Violence Plaintiff - 412
- DYFS / Child Abuse - 413
- Emancipation of a Minor - 414
- Fee from Spouse - 415
- Grandparent Rights - 416
- Handicapped Guardianship - 417
- Juvenile Matters - 418
- Minor Guardianship - 419
- Military Divorce - 420
- Name Change - 421
- Non Dissolution Non Married - 422
- Paternity - 423
- Pre-Nuptial - 424
- Post Judgment Enforce - 425 Of Orders
- QDRO - 426
- Restraining Order - 427
- Spousal Support - 428
- Termination of Parental Rights - 429
- Adult Guardianship - 430
- Advanced Directives, Wills - 431 Power of Attorney
- Contested Probate - 432
- Elder Law - 433
- Home/Hospital Visit - 434
- Minor Inheritance - 435
- Probate - 436
- Special Needs Trust - 437
- Trusts & Estate Planning - 438

REAL PROPERTY

- Boundary Dispute - 701
- Commercial Real Estate - 702
- Condominium - 703
- New Construction Litigation - 704
- Easements - 705
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation - 706
- Environmental Home - 707
- Homeowner's Association - 708
- Landlord - 709
- Litigation - 710
- Mobile Home/Property Rental - 711
- Mortgage Foreclosure - 712
- Mortgage Modification - 713
- Post Closing/Non Disclosure - 714
- Time Shares - 715
- Property Tax Appeal - 716
- Resident Real Estate - 717
- Tenant - 718
- Zoning/ Land Use - 719

TORT LAW / CIVIL RIGHTS

- Arbitration - 801
- Automatic Door, Elevator - 802 Construction
- Birth Defects - 803
- Brain Injury - 804
- Car Accident - 805
- Civil Appeal - 806
- Class Action - 807
- Defendant - 808
- Dental Malpractice - 809
- Dog Bite - 810
- Invasion of Privacy - 811
- Legal Malpractice - 812
- Libel & Slander - 813
- Medical Malpractice - 814
- Nursing Home Abuse - 815
- Plaintiff - 816
- Product Liability - 817
- Slip & Fall - 818
- Veterinary Malpractice - 819
- Wrongful Death - 820
- Age, Gender, Race - 821 Discrimination
- American Disability Act - 822
- False Arrest, Police - 823 Misconduct -
- HIPPA - 824
- Mental Commitment - 825
- Prisoner's Rights - 826

MISCELLANEOUS AREAS

- Automobile Insurance - 901
- Copyright/Trademark - 902
- Disability Insurance - 903
- Entertainment Law - 904
- Gun Permit/Rights - 905
- Health Insurance - 906
- Homeowner's Insurance - 907
- Immigration Law - 908
- Injunction - 909
- Investment Fraud - 910
- Intellectual Property - 911
- Internet - 912
- International Matters - 913
- Patents - 914
- Tax Law - 915

- 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 letters 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.