

Washtenaw County Bar Association
LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE REGISTRATION - 2008

WCBA Member?
 Yes No

Name _____ Phone _____ P- _____
Firm _____ Year admitted to Mich. Bar _____
Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____
Other states in which licensed to practice _____ FAX _____
Practice in other counties? (Specify) _____
Fluent in languages other than English? (Specify) _____ Deaf/Sign language: Yes _____ No _____
Saturday or evening appointments? Yes _____ No _____ Visit home, hospital or nursing home? Yes _____ No _____
Visit penal institution in Wash. Co.? Yes _____ No _____

CHECK CATEGORIES BELOW INDICATING AREAS OF LAW WITH WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR AND QUALIFIED TO PRACTICE AND IN WHICH YOU WILL ACCEPT REFERRALS:

BUSINESS

- ___ B1 Incorporation/Choice of Entity
- ___ B2 Corporate Law
- ___ B3 Securities
- ___ B4 Franchising
- ___ B5 Non-Profit Corporations
- ___ B6 Banking/UCC
- ___ B7 Taxes
- ___ B8 Anti-Trust
- ___ B9 Liquor License
- ___ B10 Corporate Bankruptcy

CONTRACT

- ___ K1 Insurance/Plaintiff
- ___ K2 Insurance/Defendant
- ___ K3 General Contracts

CRIMINAL

- ___ C1 General Criminal
- ___ C2 Business Criminal
- ___ C3 Appeals

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/ERISA

- ___ E1 Pension Plans/Profit Sharing
- ___ E2 TIAA-CREF
- ___ E3 Health Care Benefits
- ___ E4 Other

FAMILY

- ___ F1 Divorce
- ___ F2 Custody/Support/Visitation
- ___ F3 Paternity
- ___ F4 Spousal Abuse
- ___ F5 Child Abuse
- ___ F6 Annulment
- ___ F7 Grandparents' Rights
- ___ F8 Prenuptial Agreements
- ___ F9 Personal Protection Orders

GOVERNMENT

- ___ G1 Licensing/Regulation
- ___ G2 Local/Municipal/State
- ___ G3 Medicare/Medicaid
- ___ G4 Social Services
- ___ G5 Social Security/Disability Ins
- ___ G6 Veterans' Benefits
- ___ G7 Military
- ___ G8 International Law
- ___ G9 Immigration
- ___ G10 Public Utilities

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- ___ I1 Computer Law
- ___ I2 Patents
- ___ I3 Copyrights/Trademarks
- ___ I4 Trade Secrets

LABOR/EMPLOYMENT

- ___ L1 Represent Employee
- ___ L2 Represent Employer
- ___ L3 MESC
- ___ L4 MESC Appeals
- ___ L5 Discrimination
- ___ L6 Wrongful Discharge
- ___ L7 Employment Contracts

MALPRACTICE

- ___ M1 Medical Malpractice
- ___ M2 Dental Malpractice
- ___ M3 Legal Malpractice
- ___ M4 Veterinary Malpractice
- ___ M5 Other Malpractice

PERSONAL FINANCES

- ___ \$1 Bankruptcy
- ___ \$2 Debtors Rights
- ___ \$3 Creditors Rights
- ___ \$4 Consumer Protection
- ___ \$5 Lemon Law
- ___ \$6 New/Used Cars
- ___ \$7 Taxes
- ___ \$8 Identity Theft / Credit Fraud

PROBATE

- ___ PR1 Will/Trusts/Estate Planning
- ___ PR2 Probate of Estates
- ___ PR3 Guardians/Conservators
- ___ PR4 Adoption
- ___ PR5 Mental Health/Mental Retardation
- ___ PR6 Juvenile Court
- ___ PR7 Emancipation
- ___ PR8 Probate Litigation

TRAFFIC

- ___ T1 Traffic Violations
- ___ T2 License Restoration
- ___ T3 OUIL

List any restrictions to these categories or, if you practice in an area not listed, please specify area of law:

REAL ESTATE

- ___ R1 Represent Tenant
- ___ R2 Represent Landlord
- ___ R3 Residential Sale/Purchase
- ___ R4 Business Sale/Purchase
- ___ R5 Fair Housing Plaintiff Defense
- ___ R6 Condominium/Cooperative
- ___ R7 Zoning
- ___ R8 Foreclosure/Forfeiture
- ___ R9 Condemnation
- ___ R10 Builder/Construction
- ___ R11 Titles/Boundary Disputes
- ___ R12 Mobile Homes
- ___ R13 Oil/Gas/Mineral Rights
- ___ R14 Real Estate Litigation

SCHOOL PROBLEMS

- ___ S1 Students' Rights
- ___ S2 Elementary/Secondary
- ___ S3 College/University
- ___ S4 Student Loans
- ___ S5 Special Education

TORTS

- Plaintiff Defense
- ___ P1 Personal Injury
- ___ P2 Premises Liability
- ___ P3 Product Liability
- ___ P4 Workers Compensation
- ___ P5 Railroad/F.E.L.A.
- ___ P6 Dram Shop
- ___ P7 Auto Negligence
- ___ P8 General Negligence
- ___ P9 Slander
- ___ P10 Police Brutality

OTHER

- ___ O1 Admiralty
- ___ O2 Aviation
- ___ O3 Civil Appeals
- ___ O4 Civil Rights
- ___ O5 Collection
- ___ O6 Elder Law
- ___ O7 Medical Care Planning
- ___ O8 Nursing Home Law
- ___ O9 Entertainment/Sports Law
- ___ O10 Environmental Law
- ___ O11 Federal Court
- ___ O12 Handicapper Rights

PLEASE READ AND SIGN REVERSE OF REGISTRATION--Return this form with your registration fee and a copy of the declaration page of your liability insurance policy to WCBA, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE (LRIS) RULES

Each LRIS panel member agrees to these rules:

1. Attorney referral membership is open to all attorneys who are members in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan, who agree to abide by the LRIS Guidelines, and who pay the required fees. The annual registration fee is \$75 for WCBA members and \$150 for non-WCBA members. Fees are due January 1 each year, or upon joining the service, and are not pro-ratable.
2. Each participating attorney agrees to carry professional liability insurance in an amount no less than **\$100,000/300,000**, and to furnish a copy of the declaration page of the policy to the WCBA office when enrolling or renewing with the LRIS, and at any time between enrollments when a policy expires and is renewed or replaced. Any change in insurance coverage must be communicated to the LRIS immediately.
3. Client will pre-pay a \$30 referral fee directly to the WCBA, which will entitle the client to up to one-half hour of consultation with an attorney. The referral fee is paid to the Bar Association to help pay for the service staff, telephone, supplies, etc. Upon receipt of the \$30 referral fee, client will be connected / directed to an attorney in the appropriate area of practice.
4. *In a matter for which a referral is made, the panel member agrees to pay to the LRIS ten percent (10%) of any fee received **over \$300**. This fee is to be paid within 30 days of receipt by the panelist.*
5. No further fee shall be charged for the first half hour of consultation. Fees for additional time and services shall be as agreed between client and attorney. Panel members agree to charge LRIS client's fees identical to those charged non-LRIS clients for similar services. Attorneys are prohibited from increasing their fees to LRIS clients to compensate for the percentage fees. Clients will be informed of the percentage fee policy by the LRIS office.
6. Each attorney shall be required to return an information sheet as to the disposition of said referral. In the event of the failure to return the information sheets (furnished by the LRIS), the attorney will not receive any further referrals until all reports are returned.
7. Each attorney shall agree to notify promptly the Washtenaw County Bar Association LRIS of any change in professional status, address, or telephone number.
8. Any attorney who wishes to withdraw from participation in the LRIS is asked to do so in writing.
9. Each attorney participant agrees to accept one pro bono referral during the year.
10. If the panel members decide that special services are required or for any reason declines to represent the client, that client should be referred to the LRIS for another referral, which will be provided without charge.

The LRIS makes no representations as to the number of frequency of referrals which will be made. Referrals are based on attorney availability, geography, area of law and similar considerations.

An attorney who fails to comply with any of the aforementioned guidelines may be suspended or removed from the LRIS after notice and opportunity to respond.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Washtenaw County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service as stated above.

_____ Date

_____ Attorney's Signature

HOW A REFERRAL IS MADE

Two factors determine how an attorney is selected for a referral. Factor one is geographic location. Factor two is the area of law handled by the attorney. A client calls the WCBA for a referral. The next attorney on the rotation in the appropriate geographic area who handles that field of law is selected.

The WCBA Staff will then provide the name and number to the caller and inform the caller that he/she should contact the attorney's office directly to arrange an appointment. The WCBA Staff will also call the attorney's office and give notice of the pending call.

The WCBA sends a status report to the attorney, who is required to return it to the WCBA office. A brightly-colored LRIS tag is supplied to affix to your client file to remind you that the client is an LRIS referral.

WHAT THE LRIS DOES NOT PROVIDE: When clients call, they sometimes request the name of the BEST lawyer to handle the problem. WE DO NOT DO THIS. We do not rate or qualify attorneys. We so inform clients, and we also inform them that if they hire an attorney from the referral service, they must make payment arrangements directly with that lawyer. We do not discuss attorney fees with the client.