

**LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION**

Mail completed application to HCBA Lawyer Referral Service, Chester H. Ferguson Law Center, 1610 N. Tampa Street, Tampa, FL 33602 together with the appropriate fee. Fees are as follows (please check box and remit amount with signed application):

HCBA Member **\$160 per year**
 Non-Member **\$310 per year**

Name of Applicant

Mailing Address

Office Address

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E-Mail Address

Paralegal E-Mail

Phone No.

Date of Admission to Florida Bar

Bar Number

Board Certification

Foreign/ Sign Languages

Law School/Year

House Calls

Hospital Visits

Jail Calls

Licensed in Other States:

Enroll me as a member of the Lawyer Referral Service of the Hillsborough County Bar Association effective immediately. I am a member in good standing with the Florida Bar.

I carry malpractice insurance of at least **\$100,000 - \$300,000** with _____ and shall maintain such coverage at all times. By signing this application I certify that I presently maintain and will continue to maintain the minimum coverage \$100,000/\$300,000 of malpractice insurance while a member of the HCBA Lawyer Referral Service. **PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT MALPRACTICE INSURANCE POLICY DECLARATIONS PAGE.**

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

AT THE TIME OF REFERRAL, LRIS COLLECTS A \$50.00 FEE. IN TURN, YOU AS THE ATTORNEY OF LRIS WILL PROVIDE A CONSULTATION UP TO 30 MINUTES. THIS FEE IS WAIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING CASES: TORTS, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT, PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY, FORECLOSURE, WORKERS' COMPENSATION, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND FOR ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

OUR REFERRALS WILL GO TO YOU AND NOT TO ANY OTHER ATTORNEY ON YOUR TEAM.

I AGREE:

- A. TO MAINTAIN A LAW OFFICE, WHICH IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND DISTINCT FROM ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE, AND TO BE ENGAGED IN THE FULL-TIME PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW.
- B. TO ACCURATELY AND PROMPTLY RETURN ALL INVOICES RECEIVED FROM THE REFERRAL SERVICE ON A MONTHLY BASIS. IF THE INVOICE GOES DELINQUENT MORE THAN 30 DAYS, THE LRS WILL SUSPEND REFERRALS UNTIL THE INVOICE IS SENT BACK.
- C. TO REFER CLIENTS RECEIVED FROM THE REFERRAL BACK TO THE SERVICE IN THE EVENT THAT I AM UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE CLIENT'S CASE FOR ANY REASON.
- D. TO REPRESENT EACH CLIENT ACCEPTED FROM THE REFERRAL SERVICE ACCORDING TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS; AND
- E. TO SUBMIT ANY DISPUTE CONCERNING THE HCBA LRS RULES, FEES, OR A REFERRAL TO BINDING ARBITRATION BEFORE THE HCBA LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.
- F. BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I PERSONALLY CERTIFY COMPETENCY IN ANY AREA OF LAW IN WHICH CLIENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. A PANELIST MUST HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN ANY AREA THEY ELECT TO RECEIVE REFERRALS.
- G. MEET WITH CLIENTS AT THE APPOINTED TIME.
- H. PROVIDE ONE-HALF HOUR CONSULTATIONS UNLESS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS.
- I. RETURN TELEPHONE CALLS AND ANSWER LETTERS TO CLIENTS
- J. ENTER INTO A FEE AGREEMENT WITH THE CLIENT.
- K. KEEP CLIENT REASONABLY INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF CASE.
- L. MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH CLIENT AS SOON AS PRACTICAL AFTER THE POTENTIAL CLIENT'S REQUEST IS MADE.
- M. COOPERATE IN RESOLUTION OF CLIENT'S COMPLAINT.
- N. DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP WITH CLIENT IN A PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS LIKE MANNER.
- O. ABIDE BY THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE HCBA LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE OR BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE HCBA LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE.
- P. IF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PANELS OR ADDRESS, YOU SHOULD SEND THEM INTO THE LRS OFFICE TO BE PLACED WITH YOUR CONTRACT. ALSO IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO ON VACATION PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF THE TIME YOU WILL RETURN.
- Q. THE DUES PAID AT THIS TIME ARE FOR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017.

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I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Print) _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

I WILL ACCEPT CASES IN THE AREAS I HAVE MARKED.

(IF THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE REFERRALS AND THEY ARE NOT LISTED, PLEASE INCLUDE THEM, AND THEY WILL BE ADDED TO THE PANELS).

Administrative / Government

- General Administrative
- Welfare
- DCF
- Dependency
- Licensing
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Military Law
- Social Security SSI & SSD : Please check - Overpayments; Appeals; Kids
- School Law/Education
- Workers' Comp. (Fed)
- Workers' Comp. (State)
- Veterans' Benefits
- Tag & Title Issues
- Drivers License Issues
- Unemployment Compensation
- Longshore/Harbor
- Work, Long/Short Term Disability

Business

- Anti-Trust
- Bankruptcy
- General
- Contracts
- Incorporation
- Collections
- Commercial Litigation
- Copyright
- Trademark
- Franchise Law
- Patents
- Securities

Constitutional Law / Individual Rights

- Marchman Act
- Baker Act
- Civil Rights – General
- False Arrest
- Police Brutality
- Harassment Outside the Workplace
- ADA Discrimination

Consumer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Fraud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> ERISA Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General | <input type="checkbox"/> Warranties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts | <input type="checkbox"/> HIPAA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer credit | <input type="checkbox"/> Installment Purchase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repossessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Bankruptcy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garnishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> General Insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identity Theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Debt Relief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Law |

Criminal

- DUI
- Juvenile
- Expungement
- Misdemeanor
- Traffic Infractions
- Felony
- Federal Felony

Family Law

- General
- Separation
- Step-Adoption
- Timesharing
- Child Support
- Emancipation
- Military Dissolution of Marriage
- Dissolution of Marriage
- Uncontested DOM
- Pre-Nuptial Agreements
- Name Change
- Adoption
- Juvenile
- Grandparents' Rights
- Alimony
- Paternity
- Father's Rights
- Quadro-Pensions
- Surrogacy
- Domestic Injunction
- Annulment

Labor & Employment Law

- Labor Law
- Labor Law (FMLA)
- Labor Law (FLSA)
- Labor law with ADA
- Labor law Sexual or other harassment
- Labor Law Harassment – Employer's side
- Labor Union
- Pension Law
- Whistleblowers

Miscellaneous

- Admiralty
- Civil Appeals
- Criminal Appeals
- Crowdfunding
- Aviation Law
- Construction Law
- Customs
- Entertainment & Sports Law
- General Practice
- Elder Law
- Immigration Law
- International Law
- Internet
- Environmental Law
- Longshore, Harbor
- Mediation-Arbitration
- Personal Property
- Railroad Workers
- Small Claims (Defendant)
- Small Claims (Plaintiff)
- Taxation

Real Property

- Condominium Association
- Time Shares
- Homeowner's Association
- Residential Landlord
- Residential Tenant

- Commercial Landlord
- Commercial Tenant
- Mobile Home Law
- Mortgage Foreclosure
- General
- Purchase, Sales, Contracts
- Commercial Sales, Contracts
- Zoning, Land Use
- Eminent Domain
- Condemnation
- Mortgage Loan Modification
- Short Sales
- Housing Disputes, Section 8
- Fair Housing
- Homeowners' Insurance Disputes

Torts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BP Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Bites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Mold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinkholes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor Disputes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedbugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Libel & Slander | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice/Negligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Mesothelioma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home Negligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Towing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PI Defense | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PI Plaintiff | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Products Liability | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical | |

ALSO, BE ADVISED THAT THE SENIOR WILL PROGRAM IS FOR ANYONE 65 OR OLDER. THEY WOULD RECEIVE A SIMPLE WILL FOR \$40.00. WHICH IS A FLAT FEE THAT THE ATTORNEY WILL KEEP. THERE IS NO INITIAL CONSULT FEE FOR THIS PANEL.

Wills / Probate

- Complex Wills
- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Living Trusts
- Living Will
- Probate
- Simple Will
- Senior Will (**Only charge is the \$40.00 for the attorney.**)
- Trusts / Estates / Estate Planning
- Special Needs Trust