

## Hillsborough County Bar Association Lawyer Referral & Information Service Application

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

**HCBA Member**    **\$160.00 per year**  
 **Non-Member**    **\$320.00 per year**

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**Name of Applicant**

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**Mailing Address**

**Office Address**

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**E-Mail Address**

**Paralegal E-Mail**

**Phone No.**

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**Date of Admission to Florida Bar  
Certification**

**Bar Number**

**Board**

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**Foreign/Sign Languages**

**Law School/Year**

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**House Calls    Hospital Visits    Jail Calls**

**Licensed in Other States:**

Enroll me as a member of the Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS) 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 LRIS. (***PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT MALPRACTICE INSURANCE POLICY DECLARATIONS PAGE.***)

**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.**

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

I AGREE TO:

- A. 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. 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. 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. 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.
- E. 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. REMIT TO THE HCBA LRS 15% OF ALL FEES MORE THAN \$100.00 COLLECTED FROM EACH CLIENT THE SERVICE REFERS TO MY OFFICE.
- R. **THE DUES PAID AT THIS TIME ARE FOR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018.**

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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 & INFORMATION SERVICE.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

**I WILL ACCEPT CASES IN THE PANEL AREAS I HAVE MARKED.**

(IF THERE ARE PANEL 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**

- Banking Law
- Collections
- Consumer Fraud
- ERISA Claims

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- General
- Contracts
- Consumer credit
- Repossessions
- Garnishment
- Credit Card Fraud
- Identity Theft
- Health Insurance
- Warranties
- HIPAA
- Installment Purchase
- Personal Bankruptcy
- Lemon Law
- General Insurance
- Debt Relief
- Health Law

**Criminal**

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

**Family Law**

- General
- Separation
- Step-Adoption
- Timesharing
- Child Support
- Emancipation
- Military DOM
- 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
- Small Claims (Plaintiff)
- Small Claims (Defendant)

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- International Law
- Internet
- Environmental Law
- Longshore, Harbor
- Mediation-Arbitration
- Personal Property
- Railroad Workers
- 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 Mal/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          |  |

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**Wills/Probate**

- Complex Wills
- Guardianship
- Power of Attorney
- Living Trusts
- Living Will
- Probate
- Senior Will

- Trusts / Estates / Estate Planning
- Special Needs Trust
- Simple Will