

# Albany County Bar Association



## 2017 Membership Invoice

**DUE: February 1, 2017**

Member Professional Information
Name
Firm
Address
Address 2
Zip
Office #
Email

Member Personal Information
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Address 2
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Other #
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Languages Spoken

### Preferred Place of Contact

Work       Home

Membership Levels (descriptions on back)	Amount
Sustaining	\$175
Admitted to the Bar 5+ Years	\$145
Admitted to the Bar <5 Years	\$95
Law Student	\$10
New Admit	Free
Other	

### Payment Method:

Check enclosed       Credit Card

Visa       Mastercard       AMEX       Discover

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Description	Amount
Membership Dues	
Donation to the ACB Foundation	
Lawyer Referral Service	
<b>Total Balance DUE</b>	

### Please remit payment to:

Albany County Bar Association  
112 State Street | Suite 1120  
Albany, NY 12207

## **SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP**

*Special Category* | Become part of a distinguished group, committed to the science of jurisprudence, the promotion of reforms in law, the facilitation of the administration of justice, the elevation of the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in our profession and the cherishing of the spirit of collegiality among its members. A sustaining member roster is included in the Court of Appeals program as well as the March newsletter.

**Sustaining Membership | \$175**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Members of the Bar of the State of New York in good standing that reside or practice in the County of Albany. Any members of the bar of New York State or any other state in good standing are eligible to become members having all the privileges except that of voting and of holding office. Dues are based on years of admission to the bar.

**Membership 5+ years | \$145**

**Membership <5 years | \$95**

## **LAW STUDENTS**

Any law student in good standing in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association and not admitted to practice is entitled to all privileges of the Association, except for voting and holding office. Law school membership shall cease at the end of the calendar year when the law student ceases to be enrolled or upon graduation.

**Law Student Membership | \$10**

**LEGAL SECRETARY / PARALEGAL** | For those employed or working under the direction an active member of the ACBA. Eligible for all the benefits of membership except for voting and holding office. | **\$25**

**BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP** | For businesses interested in supporting and working with the ACBA membership. | **\$500**

**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 or nature 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
- The first one-half hour consultation fee of \$25 will be 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.
- **(NEW for 2017) 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. We are excited to announce that the LRS program will be marketing and promoted to the public in new and creative ways. It is anticipated that our marketing campaign will not only increase our call volume, but in turn increase the volume of quality referrals for our participating attorneys.

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

Name:

Firm:

Circle one:       Renewal  
                          Enrolling for First Time (If first time, indicate States Admitted to Practice and Dates Admitted:

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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 \$1,000,000**, and that I will maintain this policy throughout the period of my participation in the service. You must notify ACBA immediately if your malpractice has lapsed so that we may refer the client to another LRS panel member. **(Copy of coverage page must be attached.)**

Malpractice Insurance Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Limit(s) of Coverage \_\_\_\_\_

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. I agree to advise ACBA when a fee generated on a matter has exceeded \$500 and to timely remit to ACBA its 10% portion.
4. I further agree to hold harmless the Albany County Bar Association as to referrals made.
5. 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 topics you would like to receive referrals for. Prices listed below the grid.

Administrative Hearings and Government Agency Challenges		Insurance Law – Carrier/insurance company	
Animal Rights		Intellectual Property Law (patents, trademarks, copyrights)	
Appeals		Landlord/Tenant -- Landlord	
Banking/Financial Services Counseling		Landlord/Tenant -- Tenant	
Bankruptcy -- Creditor		Legal Malpractice -- Defendant	
Bankruptcy -- Debtor		Medical Malpractice (includes Dental) -- Plaintiff	
Business - corporation formation, contract review, debt collection, counseling		Medical Malpractice (includes Dental) -- Defendant	
Business – litigation, shareholder/investor disputes -- Plaintiff		Municipal Law	
Business – litigation, shareholder/investor disputes – Defense/Corporate		Name Change	
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties (Plaintiff) – 1983 Litigation (false arrest, malicious prosecution, excessive force)		Negligence/Tort/Personal Injury (Plaintiff)	
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties (Plaintiff) – Prisoners' Rights		Planning, Zoning, Land Use (counseling, administration hearings, Article 78)	
Construction Law		Not-For-Profit/Non-profit Law (counseling and formation)	
Consumer Protection (includes Lemon Law, debt collection defense)		Prison Tort Cases (Plaintiff)	
Criminal Law (defense)		Product Liability -- Plaintiff	
Disability Law		Product Liability -- Defendant	
Education Law		Public Utility Law	
Elder Law (planning, nursing home, assisted living, abuse allegations)		Real Property Law (real estate closings)	
Employment/Labor Law (includes alleged wrongful discharge, harassment) -- Employer Side		Real Property Law (property related disputes/litigation)	
Employment/Labor Law (includes alleged wrongful discharge, harassment) -- Employee Side		Real Estate Tax Assessment/Grievance	
Environmental Law		Retirement , Pension, Social Security Law	
Estate/Wills/Trusts Law		Vehicle & Traffic Law	
Family Law (Adoption/Custody, Guardianship/Conservatorship, Matrimonial and Divorce)		Veteran's Rights/Claims	
Immigration & Naturalization Law		Workers' Compensation -- Plaintiff	
Insurance Law – Insured/policy holder		Workers' Compensation – Defendant	

Up to two categories: \$100.00

Up to four categories: \$150.00

Above four each category: \$30.00

Please calculate your total due and add into the grid at the top of page one next to "Lawyer Referral Service."