

Atlanta Bar Association
LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE
229 Peachtree Street, Suite 400
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Application for Membership

Please complete all information on the application, including the waiver. Should you have any questions regarding LRIS or the application, please call 404-521-0781. Fax 404-522-0269.

Name: _____ State Bar #: _____

Firm: _____ Partner Associate Of Counsel

Office Address: (Please check one: Primary Office Branch Office)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Web Site: _____

Additional Office Address: (Please check one: Primary Office Branch Office)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Law School: _____ Graduation date: _____

Month and year of Georgia Bar admission: _____

Currently a member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia: Yes No

I am also licensed in the following states: _____

Are you a member of the Hispanic Bar Association? Yes No

I hereby certify that I am covered by professional liability insurance of not less than \$100,000 / \$300,000. **(You must submit a copy of your declaration sheet that states the amount of coverage and the length of coverage).**

Foreign Languages: _____

(Attorney or Staff must be proficient in language(s))

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◆ **Please answer the following questions:**

1. Have you previously been a member of the LRIS panel? YES NO
2. Have you previously been a judge? YES NO
3. Have you ever been disciplined by the State Bar of Georgia or by a disciplinary authority in another jurisdiction? YES NO
(If you answered yes, please furnish a brief explanation in letter form and attach it with your application.)
4. Are you willing to accept any referrals in which LRIS believes that the client, although not eligible for free legal services, may be able to pay a greatly reduced legal fee? If so, please check here and we will provide you information about our MODEST MEANS PROGRAM.

◆ **Please sign below to indicate that you have read the following statements and agree to comply with those requirements:**

1. By signing below, the attorney agrees to submit to binding arbitration through the State Bar's Fee Arbitration Program should a dispute over fees arise between the attorney and any client referred by LRIS.
2. By signing below, the attorney agrees to cooperate fully with the LRIS Director and Board in resolving any complaints that may arise between the attorney and any client referred by LRIS.
3. By signing below, the attorney acknowledges that, under LRIS Operating Rules, he/she may not refer a case received through the LRIS to another attorney without prior notification to LRIS.
4. By signing below, the attorney acknowledges having read the LRIS Operating Rules currently in place and agrees to abide by the Operating Rules while serving on the LRIS panel. Attorney acknowledges that it is their responsibility to ensure that they have the most current Operating Rules on file.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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You may choose up to eight (8) areas of law in which you have experience and will accept referrals. There is a fee of \$25.00 for additional areas. If the area of law is marked with an (*), you must meet specific criteria to receive referrals in those areas. Please let us know if you need an application for any specialized areas of law.

Areas of Law

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Disability Act | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowners Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration/Mediation* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admiralty | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration – asylum* | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers Comp (Employee) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration - general* | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker Comp (Federal) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Claims (no P.I.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker Comp (Employer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals - Civil | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Death |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals - Criminal | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Law (Civil or Criminal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Law – Employee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Law - Management | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy (Chapter 7)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Malpractice | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy (Chapter 11)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Libel/Slander | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy (Chapter 13)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Modification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Action Suits | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Term Disability | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate Court | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights/False Arrest | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections - Defendant | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice* | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections - Plaintiff | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Law | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporations - Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit – Tax Exempt Org | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copyrights - Trademarks | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody* | <input type="checkbox"/> OSHA (Job Safety) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce (Contested)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Patents | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce (Uncontested) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Benefits | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Under Influence (DUI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate Estates/Litigation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate - Commercial | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate – Dispossessory | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate – Purchases/Sales/Buyer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ERISA | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate – Litigation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning/Wills | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate – Predatory Lending | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expungments | <input type="checkbox"/> Security-Stocks-Bonds | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felonies* | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Harassment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FMLA* | <input type="checkbox"/> Slip and Fall | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLSA* | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Act | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Divorce | <input type="checkbox"/> State Licensing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosures | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Compensation | |

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LRIS Registration Fees

The LRIS membership year runs from June 1st – May 31st. Annual dues are \$125.00 for members in good standing of the Atlanta Bar Association or the Hispanic Bar Association, and \$325.00 for all non-members of the Atlanta Bar Association or the Hispanic Bar Association. The annual dues includes up to eight areas of law, each additional area is \$25.00. All dues must be paid prior to activation on any panel.

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By its approval of an attorney for membership on the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Panel, the LRIS Board assures the public that the attorney is a member of the Bar in good standing and is qualified to practice law. The Board also assures the public that the attorney adheres to, and will continue to adhere to, the recognized ethical standards of the profession as well as to the Lawyer Referral and Information Service's stated purpose under its operating rules. In furtherance of its obligation to the public, the LRIS Board requests the following information:

I hereby authorize the Atlanta Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service Board to examine any and all pending grievances which is presently on file or which may hereafter be filed with the State Bar of Georgia or any other authoritative disciplinary board as part of my application to the LRIS and during the period that I am a member of the LRIS panel.

Attorneys Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

State Bar No.: _____

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LRIS Fee-Sharing Agreement

Attorneys serving on the Lawyer Referral and Information Service panel shall charge clients referred to them through the Service a \$45.00 fee for the first half-hour consultation. The consultation fee must be forwarded to the LRIS, and panel attorneys are not permitted to charge any more or any less than the \$45.00 fee for the initial, thirty-minute consultation. The following areas of law are exempt from the \$45.00 consultation fee:

American Disability Act, Asbestos, Aviation, Civil Rights, Dental Malpractice, Employment Discrimination, False Arrest, Insurance Law, Employee Labor Law, Legal Malpractice, Libel/Slander, Long Term Disability, Military & VA Law, Medical Malpractice, Negligence, Nursing Home Issues, Product Liability, Personal Injury, Premises Liability, Sexual Harassment, Slip and Fall, Social Security, Federal Workers Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Workers Compensation, Wrongful Death

Fees charged beyond the first half-hour consultation are to be negotiated directly between the LRIS panel attorney and the client. LRIS does not set fees for its attorneys' services, but requires that panel attorneys have a written fee agreement with each client and submit to binding arbitration through the State Bar's Fee Arbitration Program should a problem arise (see Operating Rules).

Panel attorneys shall pay to LRIS a percentage of any fees earned from clients referred through the Service, according to the following schedule:

Attorney's Fee	Percentage of Fee to be Given to LRIS
\$0 to \$500	no fee
over \$500	15 percent of fee in excess of \$500

All percentage fees are due and payable to the Atlanta Bar Association within thirty (30) days of receipt of payment from the client by the panel attorney.

Attorneys Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

State Bar No.: _____