



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 E-Mail Address: _____

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. You may find the most recent copy of the LRIS Operating Rules on our website: <http://www.atlantabar.org/?lrishome>

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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You may choose up to ten (10) 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

Administrative Law

- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Social Security Act
- Social Security for Children
- Social Security Overpayments
- State Licensing

Admiralty Law

- Admiralty

Animal Law

- Animal Law

Appeal Law

- Appeal - Civil
- Appeal - Criminal
- Habeas Corpus

Arbitration/Mediation*

- Check here for additional form

Aviation Law

- Aviation Law

Bankruptcy Law

- Bankruptcy Chap 11*
- Bankruptcy Chap 13*
- Bankruptcy Chap 7*
- Bankruptcy for Creditor*

Business Law

- Business Litigation
- Corporations-Partnerships
- Franchise
- Non Profit-Tax Exempt Org
- Security-Stocks-Bonds

Civil Law

- Collections - Defendant
- Collections - Plaintiff
- Garnishments
- Juvenile Law

Class Action Law

- Check here for additional form

Constitutional Law

- American Disability Act
- Civil Rights
- Civil Service
- False Arrest
- Housing Discrimination
- Police Misconduct
- Prisoners Rights

Consumer Law

- Banking
- Collection Issues
- Collections - FDCPA
- Computer Law
- Consumer Issues
- Identity Theft
- Predatory Lending

Contract Law

- Contract Draft/Review
- Contract Litigation

Criminal Law

- Driving Under Influence
- Expungments
- Felonies*
- Juvenile Law
- Misdemeanor
- Parole Board
- Traffic Issues

Educational Law

- Special Needs
- Student Loan Issues
- Tribunal Hearings

Entertainment Law

- Film/TV/Music
- Publishing
- Sports

Family Law

- Adoption
- Child Support
- Contempt of Court
- Contested Divorce*
- Custody*
- Domestic Violence
- Foreign Divorce
- Guardianship
- Paternity
- Prenuptial Agreement
- Qualified domestic retirement
- Uncontested Divorce

Forfeiture Law

- Forfeiture Law

HIPPA Law

- HIPPA Issues

Immigration Law

- Immigration - Asylum*
- Immigration - General*

Insurance Law

- Healthcare Issues
- Home Insurance Claims
- Life Insurance Issues
- Long Term Disability
- Property Damage
- Short Term Disability

Intellectual Property Law

- Copyright
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Processing
- Trademark

International Law

- International Law

Labor Law

- Employee Retirement Income Sec
- Employment Contracts
- Employment Discrimination
- Fair Labor Standards Act*
- Family Medical Leave Act*
- Job Safety
- Labor Law Management
- Labor Law-Employee
- Pension Benefits
- Sexual Harassment
- Unemployment Compensation
- Wrongful Termination

Magistrate Court Law

- Magistrate Court/Small Claims

Mental Health Law

- Mental Health

Military Law

- Military Divorce
- VA Disability Benefits
- Veteran's Rights

Municipal Law

- Municipal

Probate Law

- Elder Law
- Name Change
- Probate Estates - Litigation
- Wills - Estate Planning - Trust

Willing to do Jail Visits:

Yes No

Willing to do Hospital Visits:

Yes No

Real Estate Law

- Construction Law
- Deed Transfer
- Dispossessory Proceedings
- Foreclosures
- Homeowners Association
- Loan Modification
- Real Estate Commercial
- Real Estate Purchase and Sales
- Real Estate- Litigation
- Rental Issues - Landlord
- Rental Issues - Tenant
- Zoning

Social Security Law

- Legal Aid Special Program

Taxation Law

- Taxation - Business
- Taxation - Individual

Tort Law

- Asbestos
- Dental Malpractice
- Environmental Law
- Legal Malpractice
- Libel-Slander
- Medical Malpractice*
- Negligence
- Nursing Home Issues
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Slip and Fall
- Wrongful Death

Worker's Compensation Law

- Employer Worker Comp
- Federal Worker's Compensation
- Worker's 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 ten areas of law, each additional area is \$25.00. All dues must be paid prior to activation on any panel.

WAIVER

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, Bankruptcy, Civil Rights, Dental Malpractice, Employment Discrimination, ERISA, False Arrest, Immigration, Insurance Law, Employee Labor Law, Legal Malpractice, Libel/Slander, Long Term Disability, Military & VA Law, Medical Malpractice, Negligence, Nursing Home Issues, Pension 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 Fees	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.: _____

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Statement of Obligation

This statement confirms that attorney _____ has joined the **Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the Atlanta Bar Association** with the full knowledge and agreement of partners/firm management of _____, and will abide by all the rules and agreements as stipulated in the **Lawyer Referral Service Standards & Rules** document, including remittal of 15% of all received legal fees from each LRIS-referred client over and above the first \$500 paid for services on the matter referred per LRIS Operating Rule 6.6 and LRIS protocols.

This statement also confirms that should the member attorney above leave this firm/partnership, or the practice of law:

- Any open case or referral from LRIS to this attorney *left with the firm/partnership* will be subject to the same reporting and fee payment agreements under which it was accepted until each case or referral is complete;
- Any open case or referral from LRIS to this attorney and **remaining with this attorney** will remain subject to the same reporting and fee payment agreements under which it was accepted until each case or referral is complete; and
- Any open case or referral *not continuing with either the above attorney or firm* will be immediately referred back to LRIS by the member attorney.

Failure to keep these agreements will be cause for action by the Lawyer Referral & Information Services Board of Trustees.

LRIS membership will be active only on return of this form with the following signatures, as appropriate to firm structure.

LRIS Member Attorney:

PRINT _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Authorized Firm Signature : ___ N/A

PRINT (Firm Name) _____

PRINT (Authorized Signatory for Firm and Title) _____

Signature _____ Date _____