



**Application for Membership**

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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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  Partner  Associate  Of Counsel

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

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

**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  
 Property Damage  
 Life Insurance Issues  
 Long Term Disability  
 Short Term Disability

**Intellectual Property Law**

Copyright  
 Patent Litigation  
 Patent Processing  
 Trademark

**International Law**

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**Labor Law**

Employee Retirement Income Sec  
 Employment Contracts  
 Employment Discrimination  
 Fair Labor Standards Act\*  
 Family Medical Leave Act\*  
 Federal EEO & MSPB  
 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:

<b>Attorney's Fees</b>	<b>Percentage of Fee to be given to LRIS</b>
\$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 \_\_\_\_\_