

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

**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.

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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 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 Georgia State Disciplinary Board 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. Both your application and the letter should be marked "personal and confidential.")

4. Are you willing to accept any referrals per year 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 ask about our MODEST MEANS PROGRAM.

YES  NO (Acceptance of such referral would not effect your normal LRIS referral rotation.)

◆ **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. Rather, the attorney must refer the client back to the LRIS for another referral.

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.

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"/> Immigration – asylum*               | <input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration/Mediation*     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admiralty                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration – general*              | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workers Comp       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers Comp __Employer WC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> International Law                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Death             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals - Civil               | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Law                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals - Criminal            | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Law – Employee                | <input type="checkbox"/> FMLA*                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Issues               | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Law – Management              | <input type="checkbox"/> FLSA*                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Malpractice                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy (Chapter 7)*       | <input type="checkbox"/> Libel/Slander                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy (Chapter 11)*      | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Term Disability                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy (Chapter 13)*      | <input type="checkbox"/> Magistrate Court                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Action Suits            | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid                            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare                            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice*                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections - Defendant       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Law                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections - Plaintiff       | <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Law                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law              | <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Law                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Negligence                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Law                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit – Tax Exempt Org         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporations - Partnerships   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home Issues                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copyrights - Trademarks       | <input type="checkbox"/> OSHA (Job Safety)                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody*                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Patents                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce (Contested) *         | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce (Uncontested)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability                   |   |
| <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"/> Elderly Law                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate - Commercial            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Discrimination     | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate - Dispossessory         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment Law             | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate – Purchases/Sales/Buyer |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law             | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate - Litigation            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ERISA                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate – Predatory Lending     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning/Wills         | <input type="checkbox"/> Security-Stocks-Bonds               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felonies*                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Harassment                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Divorce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Slip and Fall                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosures                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Act                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise                     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Licensing                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> False Arrest                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation                            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Issues                      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowners Association        | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Compensation           |   |

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### LRIS Registration Fees

The LRIS membership year runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>. Annual dues are \$100.00 for members in good standing of the Atlanta Bar Association or the Hispanic Bar Association, and \$300.00 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.

### 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 material which is presently on file or which may hereafter be filed with the Georgia State Disciplinary Board and successor bodies 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 \$35.00 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 \$35.00 fee for the initial, thirty-minute consultation. The following areas of law are exempt from the \$35.00 consultation fee:

American Disability Act, Asbestos, Aviation, Dental Malpractice, Employment Discrimination, False Arrest, Insurance Law, Employee Labor Law, Legal Malpractice, Libel/Slander, Long Term Disability, Medical Malpractice, Negligence, Nursing Home Issues, Product Liability, Personal Injury, Premises Liability, Sexual Harassment, Slip and Fall, Social Security, Federal Workers 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.: \_\_\_\_\_