



**Hillsborough County Bar Association
Lawyer Referral & Information Service Application**

Mail the completed application to: **HCBA Lawyer Referral Service, Chester H. Ferguson Law Center, 1610 N. Tampa Street, Tampa, FL 33602 together with the corresponding fee.** Fees are as follows (please check box and remit amount with signed application):

____ **HCBA Member - \$160.00 per year**
____ **Non-Member - \$320.00 per year**

Name of Applicant

Mailing Address **Office Address**

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E-Mail Address **Paralegal E-Mail** **Phone No.**

Date of Admission to Florida Bar **Fla. Bar Number** **Board Certification**

Foreign/Sign Languages **Law School/Year**

House Calls **Hospital Visits** **Jail Calls**

Licensed in Other States:

Enroll me as a member of the Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS) of the Hillsborough County Bar Association effective immediately. I am a member in good standing with The Florida Bar.

I carry malpractice insurance of at least **\$100,000-\$300,000** with _____ and shall maintain such coverage at all times. By signing this application I certify that I presently maintain and will continue to maintain the minimum coverage \$100,000/\$300,000 of malpractice insurance while a member of the HCBA LRIS.

Please attach a copy of your current malpractice insurance policy declarations page.

At the time of the referral, LRIS collects a \$50.00 fee. In turn, you as the attorney of LRIS will provide a consultation up to 30 minutes. This fee is waived for the following cases: torts, labor & employment; personal bankruptcy; foreclosure; workers' compensation; Social Security; and for all active-duty military personnel.

HCBA referrals will go to you only and not to any other attorney in your office.

I AGREE TO:

- A. MAINTAIN A LAW OFFICE, WHICH IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND DISTINCT FROM ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE, AND TO BE ENGAGED IN THE FULL-TIME PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW.
- B. ACCURATELY AND PROMPTLY RETURN ALL INVOICES RECEIVED FROM THE REFERRAL SERVICE ON A MONTHLY BASIS. IF THE INVOICE GOES DELINQUENT MORE THAN 30 DAYS, THE LRIS WILL SUSPEND REFERRALS UNTIL THE INVOICE IS SENT BACK.
- C. REFER CLIENTS RECEIVED FROM THE REFERRAL BACK TO THE SERVICE IN THE EVENT THAT I AM UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE CLIENT'S CASE FOR ANY REASON.
- D. REPRESENT EACH CLIENT ACCEPTED FROM THE REFERRAL SERVICE ACCORDING TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.
- E. SUBMIT ANY DISPUTE CONCERNING THE HCBA LRIS RULES, FEES, OR A REFERRAL TO BINDING ARBITRATION BEFORE THE HCBA LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.
- F. BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I PERSONALLY CERTIFY COMPETENCY IN ANY AREA OF LAW IN WHICH CLIENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. A PANELIST MUST HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN ANY AREA THEY ELECT TO RECEIVE REFERRALS.
- G. MEET WITH CLIENTS AT THE APPOINTED TIME.
- H. PROVIDE ONE-HALF HOUR CONSULTATIONS UNLESS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS.
- I. RETURN TELEPHONE CALLS AND ANSWER LETTERS TO CLIENTS
- J. ENTER INTO A FEE AGREEMENT WITH THE CLIENT.
- K. KEEP CLIENT REASONABLY INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF CASE.
- L. MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH CLIENT AS SOON AS PRACTICAL AFTER THE POTENTIAL CLIENT'S REQUEST IS MADE.
- M. COOPERATE IN RESOLUTION OF CLIENT'S COMPLAINT.
- N. DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP WITH CLIENT IN A PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESSLIKE MANNER.
- O. ABIDE BY THE RULES AND GUIDELINES OF THE HCBA LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE OR BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE SERVICE.
- P. IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PANELS OR ADDRESS, YOU SHOULD SEND THEM INTO THE LRIS OFFICE TO BE PLACED WITH YOUR CONTRACT. ALSO, IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO ON VACATION PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF THE TIME YOU WILL RETURN.
- Q. REMIT TO THE HCBA LRIS 15% OF ALL FEES OF MORE THAN \$100.00 COLLECTED FROM EACH CLIENT THE SERVICE REFERS TO MY OFFICE.
- R. **THE DUES PAID AT THIS TIME ARE FOR JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.**

By signing this application, I personally certify competency in any area of the law in which clients will be accepted. A panelist must have previous experience in any area they elect to receive referrals.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print: _____

Please keep a copy of this contract for your records.

I will accept cases in the panel areas below I have marked. (If there are panel areas in which you would like referrals and they are not listed, please include them, and they will be added to the panels.)

Administrative/Government

- General Administrative
- Welfare
- DCF
- Dependency
- Licensing
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Military Law
- Social Security SSI & SSD: Please check - Overpayments; Appeals; Kids
- School Law/Education
- Workers' Comp. (Fed)
- Workers' Comp. (State)
- Veterans' Benefits
- Tag & Title Issues
- Drivers License Issues
- Unemployment Compensation
- Longshore/Harbor
- Work, Long/Short Term Disability

Business

- Anti-Trust
- Bankruptcy
- General
- Contracts
- Incorporation
- Collections
- Commercial Litigation
- Copyright
- Trademark
- Franchise Law
- Patents
- Securities

Constitutional Law / Individual Rights

- Marchman Act
- Baker Act
- Civil Rights – General
- False Arrest
- Police Brutality
- Harassment Outside the Workplace
- ADA Discrimination

Consumer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Fraud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> ERISA Claims |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General | <input type="checkbox"/> Warranties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts | <input type="checkbox"/> HIPAA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer credit | <input type="checkbox"/> Installment Purchase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repossessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Bankruptcy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garnishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Law |

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Credit Card Fraud
 Identity Theft
 Health Insurance

General Insurance
 Debt Relief
 Health Law

Criminal

DUI
 Juvenile
 Expungement

Misdemeanor
 Traffic Infractions

Felony
 Federal Felony

Family Law

General
 Separation
 Step-Adoption
 Timesharing
 Child Support
 Emancipation
 Military DOM
 Dissolution of Marriage
 Uncontested DOM
 Pre-Nuptial Agreements

Name Change
 Adoption
 Juvenile
 Grandparents' Rights
 Alimony
 Paternity
 Father's Rights
 Quadro-Pensions
 Surrogacy
 Domestic Injunction

Annulment

Labor & Employment Law

Labor Law
 Labor Law (FMLA)
 Labor Law (FLSA)
 Labor law with ADA
 Labor law Sexual or other harassment
 Labor Law Harassment – Employer's side
 Labor Union
 Pension Law
 Whistleblowers

Miscellaneous

Admiralty
 Civil Appeals
 Criminal Appeals
 Crowdfunding
 Aviation Law
 Construction Law
 Customs
 Entertainment & Sports Law
 General Practice
 Elder Law
 Immigration Law
 International Law
 Internet
 Environmental Law
 Longshore, Harbor
 Mediation-Arbitration
 Personal Property
 Railroad Workers

Small Claims (Plaintiff)
 Small Claims (Defendant)

___ Taxation

Real Property

- ___ Condominium Association
- ___ Time Shares
- ___ Homeowner's Association
- ___ Residential Landlord
- ___ Residential Tenant
- ___ Commercial Landlord
- ___ Commercial Tenant
- ___ Mobile Home Law
- ___ Mortgage Foreclosure
- ___ General
- ___ Purchase, Sales, Contracts
- ___ Commercial Sales, Contracts
- ___ Zoning, Land Use
- ___ Eminent Domain
- ___ Condemnation
- ___ Mortgage Loan Modification
- ___ Short Sales
- ___ Housing Disputes, Section 8
- ___ Fair Housing
- ___ Homeowners' Insurance Disputes

Torts

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| ___ BP Claims | ___ Dog Bites |
| ___ Dental Malpractice | ___ Mold |
| ___ Fraud | ___ Sinkholes |
| ___ Elder Fraud | ___ Neighbor Disputes |
| ___ Legal Malpractice | ___ Bedbugs |
| ___ Libel & Slander | ___ Asbestos |
| ___ Medical Mal/Negligence | ___ Mesothelioma |
| ___ Nursing Home Negligence | ___ Illegal Towing |
| ___ Professional Liability | |
| ___ Property Damage | |
| ___ PI Defense | |
| ___ PI Plaintiff | |
| ___ Premises Liability | |
| ___ Products Liability | |
| ___ Pharmaceutical | |

Wills/Probate

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| ___ Complex Wills | ___ Trusts / Estates / Estate Planning |
| ___ Guardianship | ___ Special Needs Trust |
| ___ Power of Attorney | ___ Simple Will |
| ___ Living Trusts | |
| ___ Living Will | |
| ___ Probate | |
| ___ Senior Will | |