



# Membership Application

**Akron Bar Association**  
**Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS)**  
**Membership Application**

## Contact Information

Attorney Name			
Firm			
Address			
City		Zip Code	
Telephone		Fax	
Email (required)		OHSC Reg. #	
Web Address			
Office Hours	County where office is located:		

## Geographic Information

I practice in the following counties:				<input type="checkbox"/> Ashland	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashtabula	<input type="checkbox"/> Carroll
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbiana	<input type="checkbox"/> Cuyahoga	<input type="checkbox"/> Geauga	<input type="checkbox"/> Harrison	<input type="checkbox"/> Holmes		
<input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorain	<input type="checkbox"/> Mahoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Medina		
<input type="checkbox"/> Portage	<input type="checkbox"/> Richland	<input type="checkbox"/> Stark	<input type="checkbox"/> Summit	<input type="checkbox"/> Trumbull		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuscarawas	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne	Other Counties:				

## Referral Filters Accepted

<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Arrangements Accepted
<input type="checkbox"/> Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Payments Accepted
<input type="checkbox"/> Out of Office Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening/Weekend Appointments Accepted
<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed in Other States? _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign or Sign Languages Spoken: <input type="checkbox"/> Jail Visits

## Courts In Which You Practice

<input type="checkbox"/> Summit Co. Common Pleas	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Co. Probate and Juvenile	
<input type="checkbox"/> Summit Co. Probate	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Court: Northern District of Ohio	
<input type="checkbox"/> Summit Co. DR	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Court: Southern District of Ohio	
<input type="checkbox"/> Summit Co. Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Court of Appeals, 5 <sup>th</sup> District in Canton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Portage Co. Common Pleas	<input type="checkbox"/> Court of Appeals, 7 <sup>th</sup> District in Youngstown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Portage Co. DR	<input type="checkbox"/> Court of Appeals, 8 <sup>th</sup> District in Cleveland	
<input type="checkbox"/> Portage Co. Probate and Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Court of Appeals, 9 <sup>th</sup> District in Akron	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medina Co. Common Pleas	<input type="checkbox"/> Akron Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Ravenna Municipal
<input type="checkbox"/> Medina Co. DR	<input type="checkbox"/> Barberton Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Medina Municipal
<input type="checkbox"/> Medina Co. Probate and Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Stow Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Co. Municipal
<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Co. Common Pleas	<input type="checkbox"/> Kent Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Courts

## Costs

Akron Bar Association Members:	Non-Members:
1-3 Panels: \$100	1-3 Panels: \$400
4 Panels: \$125	4 Panels: \$450
5 Panels: \$150	5 Panels: \$500

## Experience

Please review the following experience requirements and initial in the row(s) corresponding with the areas of practice in which you wish to receive referrals.

Panel Name	CLE Hours Required	Experience & Regularity	Number of Hours on Cases	I certify that I meet these requirements. (Please initial)	Years of Practice in Ohio
<b>ADMIN./VETERANS:</b>	3 in last two years	10% of Practice and/or represented 10 cases	200		
<b>BUSINESS:</b>	6 in last two years	10% of practice in this area and represented 10 cases	200		
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS:</b>	6 in last two years	10% of practice in this area and directly involved in 10 or more cases through to conclusion or resolution	200		
<b>CONSUMER:</b>	3 in last 2 years	<b>Excluding bankruptcy</b> , 5% of practice in this area or representation on 10 cases	200		
<b>CONSUMER – BANKRUPTCY:</b>	3 in last 2 years	20% of practice in this area, representation on 10 cases and must be registered for ECF, must be able to take Chapters 7 and 13	200		
<b>CRIMINAL:</b>	6 in last 2 years	<b>Excluding Felonies</b> , Represented 20 cases	200		
<b>CRIMINAL – FELONIES:</b>	6 in last 2 years	Prior experience as trial counsel in two or more trials (one must be a jury trial)	200		
<b>DISABILITY BENEFITS &amp; UNEMPLOYMENT:</b>	6 in last two years	10% of practice in <u>each</u> area selected or represented on 10 claims	200		
<b>DOMESTIC:</b>	6 in last 2 years	10% of practice in this area, represented on 5 termination of marriage cases to judgment and filed two settlement agreements	200		
<b>ELDER LAW:</b>	6 in last 2 years	10% of practice in this area, directly involved in 10 or more cases, including Medicaid	200		
<b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b>	3 hours	5% of practice in this area	200		
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL:</b>	400 hours on cases involving: 1. Civil or criminal enforcement action by an environmental agency 2. Environmental claims arising under environmental statutes or common law tort law 3. Environmental cost recover actions 4. Counseling clients on compliance with environmental laws 5. Environmental issues arising in corporate or real estate transactions 6. Teaching, writing or training others in environmental law (200 hours) or any combination of (1) through (6) and received a minimum of 6 CLE credits in environmental law in the last two years				
<b>FINANCIAL:</b>	6 in last 2 years	10% of practice & represented 10 cases	200		
<b>IMMIGRATION:</b>	12 in last 2 years	50% of practice, directly involved in 10 cases of business immigration, family immigration and asylum & removal	200		
<b>INSURANCE:</b>	6 in last 2 years	10% of practice, 5 cases within the last 2 years in <u>each</u> area selected	200		
<b>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:</b>	10 in last 2 years	Registered with US Patent & Trademark Office	200		
<b>JUVENILE:</b>	6 in last 2 years	10% of practice & represented 5 cases	200		
<b>LABOR:</b>	6 in last 2 years	15% of practice in this area	200 in last 2 yrs		
<b>PROBATE:</b>	6 in last 2 years	15% of clients and/or time, 20 cases including work through Legal Aid or VLSP	200		
<b>REAL ESTATE:</b>	3 CLE hours in each subcategory or 6 general real property CLE hours in the last 2 years; or representation on at least 4 transactions within each sub area in the last 2 years; or 25% of practice in real estate law		200		
<b>TORT, MALPRACTICE &amp; WRONGFUL DEATH:</b>	6 in last 2 years	15% of practice; directly involved in 10 cases through to conclusion or resolution in <u>each</u> area marked	200		

## Select your Panels (up to 5) and your Subpanels

### **ADMIN., EDUC. & GOVERNMENT**

- Contest of Election
- Education
- IEPs
- Indian Affairs
- Municipal/City Ordinances
- Military

### **BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL**

- Business Bankruptcy\*
- Business Collections\*
- Business Taxation\*
- Buy/Sell Agreements\*
- Cyber Security, Internet, Technology\*
- Contracts\*
- Corporations/Partnerships\*
- Franchising\*
- Medical Marijuana Business\*
- Shareholder Derivative Suits\*
- Workers Compensation Defense\*

### **CIVIL RIGHTS**

- ADA
- Discrimination
- HIPAA Violation
- Sexual Harassment
- Police Misconduct

### **CONSUMER & BANKRUPTCY**

- Construction
- Consumer Auto
- Consumer Bankruptcy
- Consumer Collections
- Consumer Taxation
- Equine, Animals & Goddard's Law
- Identity Theft
- Home Repair
- Predatory Lending
- Retail
- Warranties

### **CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC**

- CDL
- Criminal Appeals\*
- Criminal Felonies\*
- Drug Offenses
- DUI/OVI
- Federal Criminal\*
- Habeas Corpus
- Juvenile Criminal
- Misdemeanors
- Post Conviction\*
- Traffic
- Victim Assistance

### **DISABILITY BENEFITS**

- ERISA\*
- Medicare/Medicaid\*
- Medical Marijuana Benefit
- Ohio PERS, STRS, SERS
- Private Disability Insurance
- Short-Term/Long-Term Disability
- Social Security
- Social Security, Minors

### Workers' Compensation

### Workers' Compensation, Federal

### **DOMESTIC**

- Divorce & Dissolution
- Post Divorce Matters
- Pro Se Document Review
- TPO/CPO
- Violence & Harassment

### **ELDER LAW, PROBATE, ESTATE**

- Adoptions\*
- Civil Commitment
- Elder Law Issues
- Medicare/Medicaid\*
- Estate Planning & Trusts\*
- Guardianship\*
- Limited Family Partnership\*
- Mental Health
- Nursing Home Neglect\*
- Power of Attorney
- Probate Estate
- Will Contest\*
- Wills\*

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

- Gaming License
- Liquor License

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Environmental Law

### **FINANCIAL**

- Commercial Loans\*
- International Commerce\*
- International Trusts\*
- Investor Rights Litigation\*
- Stocks, Bonds & Securities\*

### **IMMIGRATION**

- Immigration Issues

### **INSURANCE**

- Life Insurance
- Malpractice Insurance
- Medical Insurance
- Property & Auto Insurance

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- Copyright
- Patents
- Trademark
- Trade Secrets

### **JUVENILE**

- Child Custody & Visitation
- Child Support
- CSB Matters
- Grandparents' Rights
- Parentage

### **LABOR & EMPLOYMENT**

- Employer/Employee Relations
- ERISA\*
- FMLA
- FSLA
- Labor Discrimination
- Medical Marijuana
- Pensions/401k\*

### Sexual Harassment

### Wrongful Termination

### Unemployment Compensation

### **MALPRACTICE**

### Legal Malpractice\*

### Medical/Dental Malpractice\*

### **REAL ESTATE/FORECLOSURE**

- Boundary Disputes
- Eminent Domain/Land Appropriation
- Easements
- Foreclosure
- Foreclosure Representation
- Homeowners' Associations
- Liens
- Medical Marijuana Housing/Rental
- Non-Disclosure
- Oil & Gas
- Problems with Landlords
- Problems with Tenants
- Purchase & Sale
- Tax Free Exchanges
- Zoning

### **SMALL BUSINESS**

- Small Business Issues
- Business Formation
- Non-Profits

### **TORT & NEGLIGENCE**

- Assault & Battery\*
- Class Action – All\*
- Class Action – Abdominal Mesh\*
- Class Action – Asbestos\*
- Court of Claims Injuries\*
- Dog Bites\*
- False Arrest\*
- Libel & Slander\*
- Personal Injury (Defendant)\*
- Personal Injury (Plaintiff)\*
- Product Liability\*
- Property Damage\*
- Slip & Fall Accidents\*
- Trespass to Chattels\*
- Trespass to Real Property\*

### **VETERANS**

- GI Bill
- Soldiers Relief Act

### Veterans Affairs

### Veterans Benefits

### **WRONGFUL DEATH**

### Wrongful Death\*

\* = Attorney must have two years' experience or work with a mentor to join these practice areas.

## **Summary of Regulations**

1. Attorneys who are panelists of the LRIS agree to provide a thirty (30) minute consultation, at no additional cost to the client beyond the thirty dollars (\$30) that may be paid by the client to the Akron Bar Association (the Bar) when the referral is made. At the time of the consultation, the attorney should execute the Acknowledgment of Understanding form and fee agreement. Fees may not be increased to account for the Bar's percentage.
2. Attorney-panelists must remit to the Bar fifteen percent (15%) of all fees earned and collected from the referred client over the first two-hundred dollars (\$200) within ten (10) days of the fees being earned. Percentage fees are to be remitted to the Bar from the operating account after the attorney's fee is transferred from the IOLTA account.
3. Attorney-panelists must reply within thirty (30) days to all requests from the Bar for fees, case updates, and insurance information.
4. Attorney-panelists must keep accurate records of referred cases.
5. Attorney-panelists must maintain valid professional liability insurance, comply with experience and CLE requirements, and be in good standing with the Ohio Supreme Court and the Akron Bar Association.
6. Attorney-panelists must comply with any and all prescriptions of the LRIS Code of Regulations, which is available on request at the Bar office or at [www.akronbar.org](http://www.akronbar.org).
7. Attorney-panelists must provide to the Bar notice of any grievance filed against the attorney, whether by a referred client or any other client, and must comply with the policy of the Fee Arbitration Committee in the event a fee dispute arises.

## **Professional Conduct Rules Disclosure**

By completing and signing this application form, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information and representations contained within my Lawyer Referral Service Membership Application are accurate. Pursuant to Rule XVI of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar, I hereby waive the right to privacy granted pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, Section 8(A)(1) to the extent necessary to permit the LRIS to be informed or inquire as to the existence of any grievance proceeding against me. I further understand that I shall provide written notice to the Lawyer Referral Service of any grievance filed or brought against the undersigned. In joining the LRIS, I understand that I must use a fee agreement with my referred clients and the Acknowledgement of Understanding form as prescribed by the Supreme Court.

## **Attorney Certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that I am in good standing with the Ohio Supreme Court and the Akron Bar Association and agree to participate in the Lawyer Referral & Information Service ("LRIS").

I certify that I carry malpractice insurance issued by (company) \_\_\_\_\_ covering the areas I have selected, Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ with coverage provided from (dates) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. I further agree to hold harmless from any claim, any member, officer, committee member, or staff member of the Bar, from any liability in connection with a referral. I have provided to the LRIS, along with this application, a copy of that portion of my malpractice application which verifies coverage in my areas of legal practice.

In the event LRIS requires additional information concerning my qualifications, I will furnish it by separate letter which, at my request, will be kept confidential. I consent that my name be classified at the discretion of the LRIS Committee or withdrawn from classification at any time, provided that I may withdraw it at any time upon written notice to the LRIS.

I agree to furnish a one-half hour consultation for any client whom I have been notified is being referred to me by the LRIS. If further consultation or legal service is required, I will make a written fee agreement in advance with the referral client concerning the amount of the fee to be paid by the client. On any referral which generates a fee of over \$200.00, I agree to remit 15% of the amount of the fee which I receive that is in excess of \$200.00 to the Akron Bar Association LRIS within ten (10) working days of receiving the fee. I specifically agree that I will not raise the fee I charge to the client above those I normally charge for the same or similar services to offset the fee which I pay to the LRIS. I agree to disclose this fee

arrangement with the client within the written fee agreement if I accept a case referred by the LRIS. If co-counsel is engaged, the co-counsel attorney will abide by the percentage fee arrangement, or I will be responsible for the entire fee generated in the engagement.

I further agree that I will keep accurate records of all cases sent from the LRIS to me and properly respond to inquiries by the LRIS office, written or oral, regarding any referrals sent to me. I agree that I will promptly remit all consultation fees and percentage fees to the LRIS. I understand that the brokering of clients or cases referred by the LRIS to me is not permitted under any circumstances. I agree that I will provide each client with a signed copy of the fee agreement which we enter into, along with a signed copy of the Acknowledgement of Understanding form sent to me by the LRIS. Upon request, I will also provide the LRIS office with a signed copy of the Acknowledgment of Understanding Form.

I understand that if a dispute develops between me and the LRIS regarding the amount of the percentage fee to be remitted to the LRIS for any case, that the fee dispute will be referred to mandatory and binding arbitration as conducted by the Fee Arbitration Committee of the Akron Bar Association. I understand and agree that I am waiving my right to a trial by jury regarding any such fee dispute which may develop between myself (the lawyer) and the LRIS. I further understand and agree that if a dispute should develop between me and the client regarding payment of the attorney fee, I will notify the LRIS in writing of such dispute. The fee dispute will then be turned over to the Fee Arbitration Committee of the Akron Bar Association. If the fee dispute cannot be resolved by the Fee Arbitration Committee, then I understand and agree that I may pursue individual collection action or efforts against the client, pursuant to the Code of Regulations for LRIS.

I understand and agree that violation of any of the above-stated rules may result in my removal from the LRIS. I agree that I have read the terms of the Akron Bar Association Code of Regulations of the Lawyer Referral Service and agree to be bound by said terms. I understand and agree that violation of any prescription of the Code of Regulations of the Lawyer Referral Service of the Akron Bar Association may also result in my removal from the LRIS, as further described in the Code of Regulations.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*\*N.B.: LRIS Applications will not be processed and referrals will not be made until all three (3) components of the Application have been received, i.e. (1) the completed Application Form; (2) the membership payment; (3) the attorney's Declaration Page from their Liability Insurance Policy.***

***For more information or questions, please contact:***

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