

## SERVICEMEMBER CIVIL RELIEF ACT PRO BONO PROGRAM ATTORNEY APPLICATION

The program is hosted by the SDCBA's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS). Attorney volunteers assist active-duty military servicemembers in obtaining stays in their cases while they are serving our country. The representation is limited, and volunteers are appointed to represent the servicemembers in civil, family, and unlawful detainer cases.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please review the Guidelines for the SDCBA's Servicemembers Civil Relief Act program, fill out this form completely, and return the completed form with a copy of the cover page of your professional liability insurance policy to the San Diego County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Services ("LRIS") at 401 West A, Suite 1100, San Diego, California 92101.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current LRIS member? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Liability Insurance Carrier name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Policy Limits: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (attach declaration page)

Engaged in active law practice since Bar Admission: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been disciplined in this or any other jurisdiction by a state or federal licensing agency?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

If your answer is yes to have ever been disciplined, by separate attachment fully disclose the nature of each disciplinary action taken, the name and location of the licensing agency involved, relevant date (s), and the final disposition.

(Note: All Lawyer Referral Services in California are required to inform clients referred of the nature of any disciplinary actions(s) taken against an attorney. Civil Code §43.95; Revenue and Taxation Code § 23734 (d). Moreover, the LRIS must determine the disciplinary status of all panel members and must disclose to the client the nature of any disciplinary action taken against the panel attorney and when the disciplinary action occurred. There is no prospective time limit on the duty to disclose disciplinary actions.)

**CERTIFICATION:** I have read, and I am familiar with the guidelines of the Servicemember Civil Relief Act program and certify that I am qualified for appointment to the Pro Bono Servicemember panel under the guidelines. I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I am an active member in good standing of the State Bar of California.
2. I agree to be bound by all the Guidelines for the San Diego County Bar Association Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Pro Bono Panel Program, together with such other or additional rules as may hereafter be adopted by the LRIS.
3. If applying for appointment as a Pro Bono Service Attorney, I agree to only provide volunteer attorney assistance to secure a stay of the proceedings.
4. I embrace the goals stated in the San Diego County Bar Association Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Pro Bono Program and agree to that no Appointed Attorney shall offer representation for a fee of the servicemember. If the servicemember specifically requests, with no solicitation from the Appointed Attorney, the Appointed Attorney may assume such representation after disclosing in writing that the servicemember is not obliged to hire the Appointed Attorney, that the servicemember in fact has the option of hiring any attorney he or she chooses, and that the servicemember also can be referred to the SDCBA LRIS. The writing shall be provided to the Program Administrator before assuming representation for a fee.

If the servicemember generally expresses a need for permanent representation, the servicemember shall be referred to the Program Administrator. The Program Administrator will assign the matter to the Appointed Attorney pursuant to the normal SDCBA LRIS process.

5. I have attended or viewed the recording of the Servicemember Civil Relief Act Pro Bono training program given by the San Diego County Bar Association.
6. I agree to promptly notify the LRIS Program administrator if I become ineligible, disqualified or otherwise unable to serve on this panel or to accept referrals.
7. I agree to waive all claims I may have against and indemnify and hold harmless the San Diego County Bar Association, the LRIS, and its officers, directors, committee members and employees

against and from all claims, losses and liability arising out of the operation of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Pro Bono Program, the LRIS, or arising from any referral made by or through the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Pro Bono Program.

- 8. I agree to acquire and maintain professional liability insurance in the amounts of \$100,000 per claim and \$300,000 per policy year, or such other amounts as may be set by the LRIS Permanent Committee, and to provide annually proof of the existence of such coverage. I understand I can receive no referrals until proof of malpractice insurance has been received by the LRIS.
  
- 10. I agree to notify the LRIS Program administrator, as promptly as is reasonably practicable, of any disciplinary action taken against me in the future while I am a Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Pro Bono Panel Program member.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature