

## MODEST MEANS PROGRAM ATTORNEY APPLICATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please review the program procedures for the SDCBA's Modest Means 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 am familiar with the program procedures of the LRIS Modest Means Program and certify that I am qualified for appointment to the Family Law panel. 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 provide legal services at substantially reduced rates consistent with the financial ability of the clients referred.
3. I have satisfied a minimum education requirement through attendance at a substantive law seminar offered through the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program's "Fundamentals of Family Law" program or demonstration of equivalent alternative experience or education. Attach a detailed summary of your family law related education, training and/or experience. (Certified Family Law Specialists or current members of the LRIS Family Law Panel need not attend the seminar or attach supplement information). Certificate of attendance and completion is attached.
4. If applying for appointment as a Service Attorney, I agree to:
  - a. Enter into a written fee agreement with the client;
  - b. Personally handle the client's matter;
  - c. Not charge for the first half hour consultation (even if retained);
  - d. Consult with a Mentor Attorney available to me through the Modest Means Program, and to comply with State of California Professional Rule of Conduct 3-110 regarding competence;
  - e. Notify the Modest Means Program administrator if I am unable to obtain adequate support from any Mentor Attorney assigned to me so that another Mentor Attorney can be assigned;
5. I agree to promptly notify the Modest Means Program administrator in the event that I become ineligible, disqualified or otherwise unable to serve on this panel or

to accept referrals.

6. 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 any and all claims, losses and liability (including attorneys' fees) arising out of the operation of the Modest Means Program, the LRIS, or arising from any referral made by or through the Modest Means Program.
7. 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.
8. I agree to submit any fee dispute with a Modest Means Client (if the client agrees) to binding arbitration by the San Diego County Bar Association's Fee Arbitration Committee.
9. I agree to notify the Modest Means Program administrator, as promptly as is reasonably practicable, of any disciplinary action taken against me in the future while I am a Modest Means Program panel member.

Date:

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Signature

