

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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CONTACT INFORMATION Please print.

Title	First Name	N	Middle Initial	Last Name	
Firm Name				1	
Address					Suite
City		S	State	Zip	
Phone		E	Email		
PROFESSIO	NAL INFORMATION	NC			
Year Licensed In W	isconsin Licensed in Other Sta	tes & Year Lic	ensed		
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Do you offer limited	scope representation? Yes	s No	Do you hand	dle civil appellate matte	ers? Yes No
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Membership Dues:	MBA Members \$150	Non-Member	s \$295		
Additional Panels:	1-2: add \$50	3-4: add \$10	0	5+: add \$150	
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RULES GOVERNING PANEL MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Purpose

These rules govern the operation of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) sponsored by the Milwaukee Bar Association, Inc. (MBA). The purpose is to provide a benefit to the members, as well as a service to the community in selecting the appropriate resource for assistance with legal problems. Often people do not know where to turn for legal service and this referral service plan assists the public in readily obtaining legal advice and service from an attorney.

Section II. Governance

LRIS will be operated under the general supervision of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee (Committee) of the MBA, which shall have the authority to adopt and implement policies consistent with these Rules. Day to day operations shall be under the direct supervision of the Director of LRIS and the general supervision of the Executive Director of the MBA. Amendment of the Rules requires approval of the Board of Directors of the MBA submitted in writing.

Section III. Conditions of Panel Membership

1. Attorneys must be in good standing and licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin to be eligible to serve on the referral panel. A member is obligated to immediately notify the LRIS in writing if the member has a formal complaint with the Supreme Court or the equivalent thereof in

every jurisdiction or if there are any restrictions on their license through the Office of Lawyer Regulation, as well as suspension or revocation of their license in any jurisdiction in which they practice. In the event that any of these situations apply, the Committee will act as they see fit.

- 2. Panel members must be presently engaged in the private practice of law.
- 3. All panel attorneys must carry professional liability insurance, at least to the minimum offering under the Wisconsin State Bar sponsored program and must agree to maintain such coverage during the entirety of their LRIS membership. The attorney must immediately report in writing to the LRIS about the lapse, expiration termination, or replacement of said insurance. All panel attorneys will agree to provide a current declarations page. Failure to submit proof of current professional liability insurance will result in immediate suspension from the service. Panel attorneys will be reinstated as soon as the MBA LRIS receives current proof of insurance.
- 4. Panel members may elect to accept referrals only in fields of law in which they consider themselves competent, or must have the active and ongoing supervision of an attorney experienced in such areas, consistent with Wisconsin Supreme Court Rules 20:7.1, 20:7.4, and within the registration fee guidelines outlined below in Section IV.1 of these Rules.

RULES GOVERNING PANEL MEMBERSHIP (continued)

- 5. The charge for the initial thirty (30) minute consultation shall be no more than twenty (20) dollars. If the attorney is retained to provide further services, the panel member shall advise the potential client how he/she charges for additional professional services. This will be determined prior to providing such further services.
- 6. Panel members agree in advance to the submission of any fee dispute with a referral client relating to the initial referral only to binding arbitration by the MBA Fee Arbitration Committee, if the client consents to such arbitration.
- 7. Consistent with Supreme Court Rule 20:6.1 and 20:6.2, panel members are encouraged to enter into reduced fee arrangements when a referral client's resources may require.
- 8. Referrals to panel members shall be made on an impartial rotation basis. However, other factors such as geographic location of the attorney, as well as languages spoken and other states licensed in, shall be considered when so requested by the client.
- 9. Failure to report on referred cases within thirty (30) days of the date of referral may result in suspension from the referral rotation until full compliance has been achieved.
- 10. Failure to return all fees owed to the LRIS within thirty (30) days of date of referral may result in immediate suspension from the panel, with full responsibility for all fees owed, as well as reporting to the Office of Lawyer Regulation or other action if deemed necessary by the Committee.
- 11. Failure to update insurance forms as stated in Section 111, Rule 3 will result in immediate suspension from the panel until current forms are submitted.
- 12. Failure to provide case status updates in a timely fashion may result in immediate suspension from the panel until outstanding matters are updated.
- 13. If for any reason the designated attorney is not retained, the members shall refer the client back to the LRIS.
- 14. Panel members may not transfer a referral to any attorney who is not a member of LRIS. If the assigned attorney is unable to assist the caller, the member shall refer the client back to the LRIS. To best assist the client, rare exceptions to this rule may be made.
- 15. Mediators are required to have a minimum of 30 hours mediator training before listing as a mediator on the LRIS Panel. Early Neutral Evaluators must have substantial experience in the substantive area identified.
- 16. MBA Membership of LRIS Panel Attorneys will be handled in compliance with Rule IV of the American Bar Association's Model Supreme Court Rules Governing Lawyer Referral & Information Services.
- 17. Attorneys wishing to receive referrals for any Modest Means panel will agree to charge no more than \$1000 for an initial retainer fee, and will charge no more than \$100 per hour. Modest Means referrals will be offered at the discretion of the LRIS Coordinator or other qualified MBA staff. If a potential client receives government financial assistance of any form (Food Share, Badger Care, etc.) the client will be offered a Modest Means referral upon request.
- 18. For LRIS Experience Panel requirements, see attached Experience Panel Registration form.

Section IV. Payment of Registration and Referral Fees

1. LRIS Members shall pay an annual registration of \$150 or \$295 for non-MBA members (unless special circumstances apply) for which fee members may register to receive referrals in three (3) of the substantive fields of law (See attached Panel Selection form). For an additional fee, attorneys may receive referrals for additional panels. To allow for broader access to justice, LRIS will offer certain panels added for free including all Modest Means panels. These free panels are marked on the Panel Selection list (pages 3-4 of this application). Registrations are valid for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Members may be asked to present their experience to the LRIS Committee.

2. On any referral that generates an attorney's fee of \$200 or more, regardless of the area of law in which the referral is made, the member agrees to remit ten percent (10%) of such fee to the MBA within thirty (30) days from date of receipt of payment.

For cases that yield fees in excess of \$10,000, the referral fee is 10% of the first \$10,000 in fees and 15% of any fees beyond the first \$10,000.

Example 1: \$20,000 contingency fee paid to the attorney. The first \$10,000 remits 10%, totaling \$1,000. The remaining \$10,000, remits 15%, totaling \$1,500. The total amount to remit to the LRIS in trust for a \$20,000 case is \$2,500.

Example 2: \$8,000 initial retainer fee paid for a criminal defense case. Before the trial, an additional \$6,000 is charged, totaling \$14,000 in fees. After final payment is received and the case is closed, the first \$10,000 remits 10%, totaling \$1,000. The remaining \$4,000 remits 15%, totaling \$600. The total amount to remit to the LRIS in trust for a \$14,000 case is \$1,600.

- 3. Members shall provide each potential client, as a result of an LRIS referral, a consultation. Members agree to charge no more than \$20 for the first half-hour of this consultation. Members may waive this fee for any cases they choose. All other fees shall be negotiated between the client and the attorney.
- 4. Any attorney not renewing annual LRIS membership is responsible to provide ongoing and updated case status information and referral fees on all cases referred to the attorney while his/her membership was active.

Section V. Enforcement

If in the Committee's opinion, there is reasonable cause to believe a Panel member has violated these Rules or policies of Panel membership, the Committee may bring the matter up to the Board of Directors of the MBA for disciplinary proceedings as described in the by-laws of the MBA. Disputes regarding referral fees that may be due the MBA, if not resolved between the attorney and the LRIS Committee, shall be resolved through arbitration by the Fee Arbitration Committee of the MBA. Unpaid referral fees owed to the MBA shall accrue interest at the rate of 12% per annum until paid. The decision of the Fee Arbitration Committee shall be binding upon both parties. Repeated violation of any conditions of Panel membership may result in removal from the Panel. LRIS also retains the right to contact the Office of Lawyer Regulation at any time to determine if there have been any prior suspensions or revocations of the attorney's license. In the event that there has been, the Committee will decide whether or not that attorney is eligible to participate on the panel. No LRIS panel attorney has the right to use the LRIS name or logo without prior permission from the Committee, and should this be violated, the Committee will determine what repercussions are appropriate.

Attorney Agreement

I am licensed to practice law in Wisconsin and am a member in good standing. I have read and agree to be bound by the LRIS Rules Governing Panel Membership which are incorporated herein by reference. I represent that I am competent to handle referrals in the categories I have marked.

	I Agree	
Sign	gnature:	
Date	tte:	

PANEL SELECTION

MM= Modest Means, P= Plaintiff, D= Defendant

Please select all of the subpanels below for which you would like to receive referrals. Subpanels with an asterisk (*) require a certain amount of experience. For each selection marked with an asterisk (*), you will need to you will need to complete the attached Experience Panel Registration form.

BENEFITS & ADMINISTRATIVE		_	_	CONSUMER & DEBT (free panel included w/dues)		Р	
(free panel included w/dues)	ММ	Р	D	Personal Bankruptcy (Debtor)			
Federal Government				Business Bankruptcy (Creditor)			
Involuntary Commitment				Business Bankruptcy (Debtor)			
Municipal or Local Government				Business Mediation	. Щ		
Professional Licensing				Car Repair / Lemon Law	. Щ		
Driver's Licenses				Collection Practices & Creditor Harassment	. Щ		
Social Security (Not SSDI or SSI)				Credit Reports	. Щ		
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)				Debt Collections (Creditor)	. Щ		
State Government				Debt Collections (Debtor)	. 🔲		
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)				Foreclosure	. 🔲		
Social Security SSI / SSD - Child				Identity Theft	. 🔲		
Unemployment				Personal Bankruptcy (Creditor)	. 🔲		
Utilities	. Щ			Predatory Lending Practices	. 🔲		
Veterans Benefits				Small Claims Court	. 🔲		
Workers' Compensation (Federal Employee)				Unfair & Deceptive Sales & Practices	. 🔲		
Workers' Compensation (Private Employee)				Utilities	. 🔲		
Workers' Compensation (Private Employer)				Class Action			
Workers' Compensation (State Employee)				Banking			
Medicaid - Elderly, Blind, Disabled	. Щ			LIQUICING & ADADTMENT (free manel included widows)	8484	_	_
Medicare	. Щ			HOUSING & APARTMENT (free panel included w/dues)		Р	ש
BadgerCare Plus - State Health Care	. Щ			Home Construction / Improvement			
Federal Health Insurance Subsidy (ACA / Obama Care)	. Ш			Housing Discrimination			
Long Term Care Facilities	. Щ			Landlord Representation			
Community Waivers	. Ш			Mortgage Foreclosures (Not Predatory Lending)			
Energy Assistance	. Ш			Predatory Mortgage Lending Practices			
Emergency Assistance - W2	. Ш			Tenant Representation			
FoodShare - Food Stamps	. 🔲			Public and Subsidized Housing	. 📖		
Wisconsin Shares - Child Care Subsidy				Panels shaded in yellow are included with base LI	RIS		
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PANEL SELECTION (continued)

EDUCATION	MM	Р	D	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	MM	Р	D
Access (Including Bilingual & Testing)				*Copyrights	🔲		
Discipline (Including Expulsion & Suspension)				*Patents	🔲		
Special Education & Learning Disabilities				*Trademarks			
Teachers & Other Educational Professionals				Entertainment Law			
ENTERTAINMENT	ММ	Р	D	PERSONAL INJURY & RIGHTS VIOLATIONS	MM	Р	D
Artists				Assault & Battery			
Film, Television & Theater				Auto Collision	🔲		
Music				Auto Collision (No Injuries)			
FAMILY	ММ	Р	D	Civil Rights			
Adoption				Dental Malpractice			
Appeals				Discrimination			
Annulment				False Arrest / False Imprisonment			
Child Abuse & Neglect				Jail Injuries			
Child Support				*Legal Malpractice			
Custody				Libel, Slander or Harassment			
Divorce (Complex / Contested)				*Medical Malpractice			
Divorce (Simple / Uncontested)				Police Misconduct			
Divorce Modifications				Product Liability			
Domestic Violence (Petitioner)				Property Damage			
Domestic Violence (Respondent)				Slip & Fall			
Emancipation				Toxic Tort			
Family Mediation				Wrongful Death or Massive Injuries		П	
Guardianship				HIPAA Violation		П	
Interstate / International				Motorcycle Accident			
Marital Support				REAL ESTATE	ММ	D	D
Name Change				Commercial Real Estate Litigation			
				Commercial Real Estate Transactions			
Parental Rights Termination				Condemnation, Eminent Domain & Annexation			
Paternity		П		Land Use & Zoning			
Post-Nuptial Agreement				5			
Pre-Nuptial Agreement				Natural Resources			
Separation				Neighborhood, Coop & Condominium Associations			
Physical Placement / Visitation				Residential Real Estate LitigationResidential Real Estate Transactions			
Grandparent Rights							
Military Divorce				Liens			
IMMIGRATION	MM	Р	D	Property Tax			
Asylum		H		TAX	MM	Р	ט
Consular Practice				Business			
Criminal Issues				Personal			
Employer Sanctions.				Tax Litigation / Audits			
Employment-Based Immigration				WILLS, TRUSTS & ELDER	MM	Р	D
Family-Based Immigration				Elder Abuse / Neglect			
Investors				Estate Administration			
Naturalization				Estate Court / Probate	📙		
Removal Defense				Estate Planning			
INSURANCE	MM	Р	D	Guardianship			
Automobile / Property Insurance		Щ		Living Will / Advanced Directive		Н	Щ
Employer-Provided Insurance		\square	Щ	Power of Attorney		Щ	Щ
(Disability, Health, Life & Accident)		Щ	Щ	Simple Will	📙		Щ
Health Insurance		Щ		Specialty Trusts	🔲	Щ	Щ
Homeowner Insurance		Щ		Elder Benefits	🔲		
Life Insurance							

Modest Means panel attorney fees are capped at \$100/hr, and a retainer fee for a Modest Means referral is capped at \$1,000.



MILWAUKEE BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Complete and submit an additional form for each Experience Panel requested.

EXPERIENCE PANEL REGISTRATION
Name
Firm Name
For each panel you selected with an asterisk (*) next to it, you will need to complete this Experience Panel Registration form.
Criminal Law (Felony/Federal)
Malpractice (Medical/Legal)
Patent/Copyright/Trademark
Tax
 Requirements for membership: LRIS membership. Enrollment in Experience Panels is only open to current MBA LRIS members. Satisfactory case experience. Please list five cases in the above selected area of law litigated through completion within the last five years (include docket # and date).
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5.
I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements as outlined above for membership to the Milwaukee Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service Experience Panel in the above selected area of law.
Signature:
Date: