



Lawyer Referral and Information Service Membership Application

The Bar Association of Baltimore City
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About the Service:

The Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the Bar Association of Baltimore City (BABC) is a service to members of the BABC, as well as a public service. LRIS was formed to assist the public in obtaining qualified legal counsel, to provide general legal information to the public, and to inform the public of other resources that may be able to provide assistance. The BABC's Lawyer Referral Service meets American Bar Association Standards for lawyer referral services.

About the LRIS Mentor Program:

The LRIS Mentor Program is designed to provide assistance to attorneys to qualify for referrals and to ensure that the public is receiving representation from a qualified attorney.

Qualifications to Join LRIS Panel:

1. The attorney must be admitted to the Court of Appeals of Maryland and pay the annual assessment to the Client Security Trust Fund of Maryland;
2. Have no pending criminal charges involving moral turpitude;
3. Must maintain malpractice insurance of a minimum amount of \$100,000;
4. Must agree to arbitrate fee disputes arising from LRIS referrals through BABC's Fee Arbitration Committee, during and after their membership expires;
5. Must supply update information regarding referrals as requested; Non-compliance will result in suspension from LRIS panel rotation until such update is received;
6. Must abide by minimum qualification and mentor policies as set forth in the LRIS application packet.

After applying, what will happen next?

After applying, your application will be forwarded to a member of the LRIS Committee, who will conduct a 15 to 30 minute interview with you to review your experience and give final approval to your application.

Membership Dues: Dues are paid on a calendar year. Payment is made out to: BABC LRIS
BABC Members: \$225/ Newly Admitted BABC Members: \$205/ Non-BABC Members: \$365

Fees: There is a \$35 cost to the client to receive a referral to you. This \$35 fee entitles the client to a 30-minute consultation with you in your office. In addition, if you are retained, LRIS collects 15% of any fees you earn (please see **Sections: VIII, IX, and X** of the LRIS Rules for greater detail).

Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Application for _____ Date of Birth _____

Date Admitted to Maryland Bar _____ Firm Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Foreign Language(s) Spoken _____

Do you know Sign Language? or have TTY equipment? _____ Do you Provide Home Visits? _____

List other States in which you are admitted to practice law: _____

List other jurisdictions other than Baltimore City in which you are willing to travel to accept cases:

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| Have you been previously removed from this or other referral panels? | YES or NO |
| Are you the subject of any attorney disciplinary proceeding? | YES or NO |
| Do you have criminal charges pending against you anywhere, or have you been convicted of a criminal offense (other than traffic violations)? | YES or NO |

INSURANCE CERTIFICATION

I understand that all LRIS panel members are required to carry malpractice insurance in the minimum amount of \$100,000.

INSURANCE CARRIER _____

POLICY NUMBER _____

POLICY EXPIRATION DATE _____

POLICY LIMITATIONS _____

ATTACH A COPY OF THE FRONT PAGE OF THE INSURANCE POLICY. This may be submitted via mail, email (as a scanned document), or via fax at 410-539-3176. Please note your identity if you choose to fax the page to our office.

I certify that I understand the above policies and procedures and shall abide by them.

Signature

date

