

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY  
Reduced Fee Legal Services Programs

**The Access to Justice Program**  
*Panel Registration*

The Access to Justice Reduced Fee Program provides access to reduced fee legal services and to address the unmet needs for legal representation of people who do not qualify for services through programs funded by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. The Access to Justice Program will match qualified individuals with attorneys willing to provide legal services at a reduced rate. An Access to Justice referral is defined as a case screened, approved, and referred by the BABC's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS). This program provides assisted for uncontested divorces, landlord/tenant disputes, bankruptcy (limited to chapter 7 and 13), power of attorney, name changes and criminal matters in the district and circuit courts.

A reduced rate (established and disclosed to the attorney by LRIS) will be charged to the client for as long as the client remains eligible under the guidelines of the program. The hourly rate paid by the client will be determined using the attached fee schedules. If the client becomes ineligible for reduced fee services because of a change in his/her financial status, the attorney may enter a new fee arrangement with the client for the remainder of the representation. The client is responsible for paying all filing fees and costs in advance.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: We do not collect percentage fees for this program.**

I meet or exceed the minimum qualifications\* to accept referrals for the following case types:

- Uncontested Divorce
- Landlord/Tenant
- Chapter 7 Bankruptcy
- Chapter 13 Bankruptcy
- Power of Attorney
- Name Change
- Criminal District and Criminal Circuit Court matters

*I agree that while participating in the Access to Justice Program that I agree to comply with program's guidelines and fee structure.*

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Name (Please Print)

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Signature

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Date

\*See panel qualifications on the "Panel Sign-up" form part of this application.

## Access to Justice Program Income Guideline and Fee Structure

Updated: March 6, 2014

Household Size	Annual Household Income+
1	\$30,129
2	\$39,399
3	\$48,670
4	\$57,941
5	\$67,212
6	\$76,483
7	\$78,221
8	\$79,959

### Fee Structure for Civil Cases

Case Type	Attorney Fee
Name Change	\$75.00 per hour
Power of Attorney	\$75.00 per hour
Uncontested Divorce	\$100.00 per hour
Landlord/Tenant	\$150.00 per hour
Chapter 7 Bankruptcy	\$600.00
Chapter 13 Bankruptcy	\$1,500.00*

### Fee Structure for Criminal Cases\*\*

1<sup>st</sup> price is for 1<sup>st</sup> time offenders/ 2<sup>nd</sup> price is for 2<sup>nd</sup> time offenders

#### District Court

#### Circuit Court

Case Type	Attorney Fee	Case Type	Attorney Fees
Modification of Sentence	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Juvenile Matters	\$750.00/\$1,000.00
Violation of Probation	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Modification of Sentence	\$750.00/\$1,000.00
Assault/Battery/2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Violation of Probation	\$750.00/\$1,000.00
Bad Check	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Appeals from District Court	\$2,500.00
Breaking & Entering	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Forgery	\$2,500.00
Disorderly Conduct	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Burglary	\$2,500.00
DWI (1 <sup>st</sup> offense)	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Robbery	\$2,500.00
Driving on Suspended License	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Possession of CDS w/ Intent to Distribute (1 <sup>st</sup> time offender only)	\$2,500.00
Malicious Destruction	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Manslaughter	\$3,000.00
Possession CDS	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Assault w/ Intent to Murder	\$3,000.00
Possession of a Deadly Weapon	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Robbery with Deadly Weapon	\$3,000.00
Resisting Arrest	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Sex Offense	\$3,000.00
Stalking	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Homicide	\$3,500.00
Telephone Misuse or Harassment	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	Rape/ 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Sex Offense	\$3,500.00
Theft	\$750.00/\$1,000.00	All other Circuit Court charges not listed	\$3,000.00
Unauthorized Use	\$750.00/\$1,000.00		
All other District Court misdemeanors	\$750.00/\$1,000.00		