



## **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 (LRIS) 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.

#### **Qualifications to Join LRIS Panel:**

1. Any attorney who has been duly admitted to the Court of Appeals of Maryland and in good standing for a minimum of three years, and has paid their annual assessment to the Client Security Trust Fund of Maryland;
2. Has no pending criminal charges or convictions involving moral turpitude or violence;
3. Must maintain malpractice insurance of a minimum amount of \$1,000,000;
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/Non-BABC Members: \$400**

**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 addition, if you are retained, 15% of any fees you earn are due to the Bar Association of Baltimore City (please see **Sections: VIII, IX, and X** of the LRIS Rules for greater detail).

## Registration Form

### PLEASE PRINT

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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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 \$1,000,000.

INSURANCE CARRIER\_\_\_\_\_

POLICY NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_

POLICY EXPIRATION DATE\_\_\_\_\_

POLICY LIMITATIONS\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH A COPY OF THE DECLARATION PAGE OF THE INSURANCE POLICY.** This may be submitted via mail or email (as a downloaded/scanned document).

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Panel Sign-Up Form**

Please check the areas of law in which you wish to accept referrals. You must meet the qualifications listed below to sign-up for a panel and each sub-panel.

### **Panel Qualifications:**

Each Panel Attorney must meet the experience requirements as specified in the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct and must have handled a **minimum of two (2) cases to conclusion** for **each Panel and Sub-panel** from which he or she chooses to receive referrals. Panel members are not allowed to accept a case which they do not meet our qualifications to handle. If a member desires to be on a panel they are not qualified for, they may request a mentor\* through our mentor program, and may be conditionally approved at the discretion of the committee member conducting the interview. Every attempt will be made to place a prospective member with a mentor, although placement can not be guaranteed.

**Panels in bold indicate a general practice area.** If there are sub-panels, indicate those for which the qualifications are met.

| <u>Panel Practice Area</u>       | <u>Qualified</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Administrative Law</b>        |                  |
| Administrative Law               |                  |
| Elections                        |                  |
| Government                       |                  |
| Transportation                   |                  |
| Water                            |                  |
| <b>Admiralty and Maritime</b>    |                  |
| <b>Agriculture</b>               |                  |
| <b>Animal Law</b>                |                  |
| <b>Arbitration</b>               |                  |
| <b>Aviation</b>                  |                  |
| <b>Business and Corporate</b>    |                  |
| Antitrust and Trade Regulation   |                  |
| Banking and Finance              |                  |
| Bankruptcy                       |                  |
| Business and Corporate           |                  |
| Chapter 11 Bankruptcy            |                  |
| Chapter 13 Bankruptcy            |                  |
| Chapter 7 Bankruptcy             |                  |
| Commercial                       |                  |
| Contracts                        |                  |
| Franchising                      |                  |
| Government Contracts             |                  |
| Insurance                        |                  |
| International Investment         |                  |
| International Trade              |                  |
| Mergers and Acquisitions         |                  |
| Non-Profit and Social Enterprise |                  |
| Securities                       |                  |
| Taxation                         |                  |
| Telecommunications               |                  |
| Trade Dress                      |                  |
| Trade Secrets                    |                  |

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Trademark                       |  |
| <b>Civil Law</b>                |  |
| Appeals                         |  |
| Civil Law                       |  |
| Civil Rights                    |  |
| Class Action                    |  |
| Defamation                      |  |
| Disabilities                    |  |
| Harassment                      |  |
| Legal Malpractice               |  |
| Libel and Slander               |  |
| Litigation                      |  |
| Mass Torts                      |  |
| Medical Malpractice             |  |
| Privacy                         |  |
| Products Liability              |  |
| Professional Malpractice        |  |
| Social Security                 |  |
| Torts                           |  |
| <b>Constitutional Law</b>       |  |
| <b>Construction Law</b>         |  |
| <b>Consumer Law</b>             |  |
| Consumer Law                    |  |
| Debt Collection                 |  |
| <b>Criminal Law</b>             |  |
| Criminal                        |  |
| DUI                             |  |
| Expungement                     |  |
| Federal Crimes                  |  |
| Fraud                           |  |
| Sex Crimes                      |  |
| Sexual Harassment               |  |
| Traffic Violation               |  |
| <b>Education Law</b>            |  |
| <b>Elder Law</b>                |  |
| Elder Law                       |  |
| Medicare and Medicaid           |  |
| Power of Attorney               |  |
| Probate                         |  |
| Trusts and Estates              |  |
| Wills and Living Wills          |  |
| <b>Employment</b>               |  |
| Employee Benefits               |  |
| ERISA                           |  |
| Pension and Profit Sharing      |  |
| Unemployment Compensation       |  |
| <b>Energy and Utilities</b>     |  |
| <b>Entertainment/Sports Law</b> |  |
| Entertainment and Sports        |  |
| Gaming                          |  |
| <b>Environmental Law</b>        |  |
| <b>Family Law</b>               |  |
| Adoption                        |  |

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Child Abuse and Neglect              |  |
| Child Support                        |  |
| Custody                              |  |
| Divorce and Separation               |  |
| Domestic Abuse and Violence          |  |
| Family                               |  |
| Guardianship                         |  |
| Juvenile                             |  |
| Marriage and Proposals               |  |
| <b>Healthcare</b>                    |  |
| <b>Immigration</b>                   |  |
| Asylum                               |  |
| Immigration                          |  |
| <b>Indian and Native Populations</b> |  |
| <b>Intellectual Property</b>         |  |
| Copyright                            |  |
| Intellectual Property                |  |
| Patent                               |  |
| <b>International Law</b>             |  |
| <b>Internet</b>                      |  |
| <b>Labor and Employment</b>          |  |
| <b>Media</b>                         |  |
| <b>Mediation</b>                     |  |
| <b>Military</b>                      |  |
| <b>Natural Resources</b>             |  |
| <b>Other</b>                         |  |
| <b>Personal Injury</b>               |  |
| Personal Injury                      |  |
| Slip and Fall                        |  |
| Workers Compensation                 |  |
| Wrongful Death                       |  |
| <b>Public Utilities</b>              |  |
| <b>Real Property</b>                 |  |
| Foreclosure                          |  |
| Land Use and Zoning                  |  |
| Landlord-Tenant                      |  |
| Real Property                        |  |
| <b>Sports</b>                        |  |

I certify, under penalties of perjury, that the above form of qualification/experience is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date