

**ALAMEDA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE**

**LRS Panel Membership Application**

**Please attach business card and resume to your application.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Office Hours: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair access to your office? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Year admitted to practice in California: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; State Bar # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other states/year admitted in which you are licensed to practice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other languages Spoken: (sufficient fluency to consult and represent):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­\_

For Hearing-Impaired: \_\_\_\_\_ American Sign Language; \_\_\_\_\_ TDD telephone equipment

**ERRORS AND OMMISIONS INSURANCE**

Errors and omissions insurance, in the amount of not less than $100,000 for each occurrence and $300,000 aggregate per year, is a requirement of membership. A copy of the declaration page of your insurance policy is needed before referrals can be made. A policy covering referrals from the ACBA is available. Please see our website [www.acbanet.org](http://www.acbanet.org) for an application.

**LRS REFERRAL LOCATIONS**

Please indicate the locations for which you will accept LRS Referrals:

\_\_\_\_\_ Alameda

\_\_\_\_\_ Berkeley

\_\_\_\_\_ Castro Valley

\_\_\_\_\_ Downtown Oakland

\_\_\_\_\_ East: Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore

\_\_\_\_\_Fremont

\_\_\_\_\_ Hayward, San Leandro

\_\_\_\_\_ Newark

\_\_\_\_\_Union City

**Regular Fee General Panels**

(A separate application is not required to qualify for these panels. You may choose up to three (3) general panels.)

I request membership in the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Simple Contracts

\_\_\_\_\_Consumer Issues

\_\_\_\_\_Collection / Collection Defense

\_\_\_\_\_Education Law

\_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Law (General)

\_\_\_\_\_Personal Property Rights

\_\_\_\_\_ Power of Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_ Restraining Orders (non-domestic)

\_\_\_\_\_Small Claims Court Appeals

**Modest Means Panels**

(A separate application is not required to qualify for these panels. You may choose up to three (3) Modest Means panels. If you select both the Modest Means and General or Experience panel for the same area of law, it will count as only one panel selection.)

Panel applicants agree to charge Modest Means clients a reduced hourly rate as outlined in the “Rules Governing the LRS of the Alameda County Bar Association.”

I request membership in the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Simple Contracts

\_\_\_\_\_Consumer Issues

\_\_\_\_\_Collection / Collection Defense

\_\_\_\_\_Education Law

\_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Law (General)

\_\_\_\_\_Personal Property Rights

\_\_\_\_\_ Power of Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_ Restraining Orders (non-domestic)

\_\_\_\_\_Small Claims Court Appeals

**Subject Matter Panels**

You must submit a separate subject matter panel application for each of the panels listed below. To obtain the application forms, please call (510) 302-2210 or email [beth@acbanet.org](mailto:beth@acbanet.org) and indicate which panel application(s) you would like to receive. You can join a maximum of three (3) subject matter panels.

\_\_\_\_\_*Administrative Law*

Social Security Retirement and Disability

* Social Security Retirement
* Social Security Disability
* Social Security Supplemental Income

All other Administrative Proceedings

\_\_\_\_\_*Bankruptcy and Insolvency*

Consumer Bankruptcy

Commercial Bankruptcy

\_\_\_\_\_*Corporations and Business Transactions*

Formation of a Business Entity (other than Limited Partnerships)

Formation of Limited Partnerships

Business Organization Matters

* Securities Issuance
* Sale of Corporation
* All other Business Organization Matters

Business Disputes and Litigation

* Securities Litigation
* Construction Law
* All other Business Disputes

\_\_\_\_\_*Criminal Law*

Class II Felonies

Class III Felonies

* Criminal Child Abuse
* Representation of Juvenile
* All other Class III Felonies (regular fee)
* All other Class III Felonies (Modest Means)

Class IV

* Regular Fee
* Modest Means

Misdemeanors

* Traffic Violations (Regular Fee)
* Traffic Violations (Modest Means)
* All other Misdemeanors (Regular Fee)
* All other Misdemeanors (Modest Means)

\_\_\_\_\_*Employment / Labor Relations*

Pensions / ERISA Rights

General Employment Litigation

* Wrongful Termination
* Sexual Harassment
* Disability Rights
* All other Employment Litigation

\_\_\_\_\_*Estate Planning, Probate, Guardianship, and Conservatorship*

Wills and Trusts

Estate Planning

Probate

Guardianship

Conservatorship

\_\_\_\_*Family Law*

General

* Pre-Marital Agreements
* Dissolution
* Child Custody, Visitation, Support

Modest Means Family Law

Termination of Parental Rights (Representation of Parents)

Termination of Parental Rights (Representation of Children)

Paternity Actions (Representation of petitioners & respondents)

\_\_\_\_\_*Immigration and Naturalization*

\_\_\_\_\_*Landlord / Tenant & Real Estate*

General Real Estate Advice

Real Estate Litigation

* Construction Law
* Environmental Law Problems
* Commercial Leases
* Zoning Matters
* All other Real Estate Disputes

Representation of Landlords

Representation of Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_*Personal Injury*

*Plaintiff\_\_\_ or Defense\_\_\_\_\_*

Assault and Battery (including police brutality)

Defamation / Slander

Hate Crimes

Intentional Torts

Invasion of Privacy

Legal Malpractice

Medical Malpractice

Negligence

Nursing Home Malpractice

Personal Property Rights

Products Liability

Slip and Fall

Toxic Exposure

Vehicle Accidents

\_\_\_\_\_*Tax Law*

General Tax Advice

Tax Litigation

\_\_\_\_\_*Worker’s Compensation*

**ACBA Lawyer Referral Service**

**Membership Agreement**

I declare that:

1. I am an active member of the State Bar of California, and I maintain an office for the practice of law in Alameda County.

2. I have read and understand the rules governing LRS and will abide by them and such other and future rules as may be adopted by the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Bar Association.

3. I am presently covered by the Errors and Omissions Insurance in an amount not less than

$100,000 for each occurrence and $300,000 in aggregate per year and shall maintain said policy or renewal policy throughout the dues period. A copy of the Declarations page of such policy is enclosed. Should the policy expire or be canceled for any reason, I agree to notify the lawyer referral service of the ACBA prior to the expiration or the cancellation date and shall refuse any further referrals from LRS after the expiration or cancellation date until the policy has been reinstated.

4. I agree that fees charged to the clients referred by LRS shall be no more than those charged to clients not referred by LRS for similar service and agree to submit to binding arbitration any fee dispute initiated by any client referred to me by LRS.

5. I agree to promptly return confirmation reports and referral progress and remittal

reports and forward to LRS any and all consultation fees received from referred clients and to promptly respond to case disposition slips and forward to LRS 15% of any attorney fees earned from referred clients above $100 on regular panels and 5% of any attorney fees earned from referred clients above $100 on Modest Means panels.

6. I hereby declare that I either have sufficient experience and skill necessary to undertake representation of clients referred by LRS, or that I will perform the duties necessary to competently represent clients in those areas by associating, or where appropriate, professionally consulting with another member of the Bar who is competent in such fields, or by acquiring sufficient learning and skill before actual performance in such areas is required. I further declare that I have sufficient time, resources, and abilities to perform such duties, and that in such areas where I lack sufficient expertise to undertake such representation competently.

7. I am competent to render legal services or have a qualified interpreter readily available in the following foreign language(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Declaration pursuant to Civil Code Section 43.95:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have never been disciplined by the State Bar of California.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been disciplined by the State Bar of California at the following times and for the following reasons:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not currently under discipline

I understand that any disciplinary action ever taken against me by the State Bar of California shall be disclosed to every client referred to me by LRS, and that this will be done pursuant to Civil Code Section 43.95.

I declare the foregoing application and Declaration per Civil Code Section 43.95 to be true and correct under the penalty of perjury, executed this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ at, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, California.

I agree to cooperate with the service in adhering to all established guidelines stipulated above.

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Signature

**Membership Fee Information**—Make check payable to the Alameda County Bar Association

ACBA MEMBERS--$192.50, which includes two (2) experience panels and up to a maximum of three (3) general panels. PLUS $50.00 for one additional experience panel up to a maximum of three (3) experience panels.

NON ACBA MEMBERS--$302.50, which includes a maximum of three (3) general panels.

PLUS $50.00 for each experience panel up to a maximum of three (3) experience panels.

Have you included the following in your application:

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed Membership Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ Panel Selections and Qualification Statement

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee Check made out to ACBA

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of your E & O Insurance Declaration Page

\_\_\_\_\_ Resume

Please send application packet to:

Beth Litwin

LRS Program Director

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Oakland, CA 94607

beth@acbanet.org