(From the ACBA home page, person clicks on “member of the public searching for a lawyer” and is brought to the page entitled, “For the Public”

For the Public: <https://www.acbanet.org/public/>

What is the Alameda County Bar Association?

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Public Services – I need an attorney. Where do I start?

We provide access to legal services for residents of Alameda County. We have two programs to help people with their legal issues.

1. If you are low-income and qualify for our free services, Legal Access Alameda (formerly the Volunteer Legal Services Corporation) is a non-profit organization that provides free legal advice. Our volunteer attorneys will provide you with legal advice and guidance but will not represent you or go to court with you. Legal Access Alameda provides more than 3,000 hours of free legal advice to low-income residents of Alameda County. If you want to learn more about our free legal services, click here.

~~Here is how you access our free legal services:~~

1. ~~Call 510.302.2222, press option 4. Our phone lines are open from 8:30 AM to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. You will be connected with a staff person. Be prepared to answer questions regarding your monthly and/or annual income.~~
2. ~~For Spanish, press option 1, for Mandarin/Cantonese, press option 2.~~
3. ~~For the quickest way to reach us, click here to leave us an online request. Again, be prepared to explain your monthly or annual income.~~
4. If you are not low-income ~~and have the means to pay a private attorney,~~ the Lawyer Referral Service of the Alameda County Bar Association may be able to assist you.

The Lawyer Referral Service

The ACBA Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) can match you with a pre-screened Alameda County lawyer who is qualified to help you with your legal needs. The lawyers in our network have been carefully screened to ensure that they have ample experience in the area of law in which you need assistance.

To find out more about the Lawyer Referral Service click here.

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Need a Lawyer in Alameda County?

Our Lawyer Referral Service has been the trusted source for lawyer referrals in Alameda County for 50 years. The State Bar of California regulates and certifies our program. For most areas of law, we charge a $40 referral fee (or $15 fee for our modest means panel) and can provide you with up to two attorney referrals. Please note that the referral fee is nonrefundable.

Upon contacting the attorney, you would arrange for a free initial consultation that will last no more than 30 minutes. After the consultation, the attorney will decide if they can represent or assist you. We cannot guarantee that an attorney will take your case; this is a decision for the attorney to make.

If the attorney is able to represent you, the attorney will discuss with you their fee schedule. Most attorneys charge an hourly rate for their time. A typical hourly rate will range between $300 to $400 per hour. Some attorneys also charge a retainer fee that can range between $3,000 to $5,000.

There are three different ways you can be connected with a lawyer through the Lawyer Referral Service.

1. Call: 510.302.2222 (ACBA) and press option 4. The LRS phone lines are open from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Monday through Friday. If you call our phone lines during our open hours, you will have a chance to speak directly with an LRS staff person. Press 1 for Spanish and press 2 for Mandarin/Cantonese.
2. Leave us an online request. This is the quickest way to reach us - www.acbanet.org/request-a-lawyer. Click here to leave us an online request.
3. Automated referral. You can be referred to an LRS attorney automatically, without waiting to speak with an LRS staff person. An automated referral is right for you if:

* You know that you have a legal issue in one of the following areas:
  + Real Estate – landlord/tenant
  + Business
  + Employment/Labor
  + Immigration
  + Family Law
* You have the means to pay for a lawyer’s services
* You can communicate in English (if you cannot, we have services available in Spanish and Mandarin/Cantonese. Please call 510.302-2222 press 1 for Spanish and 2 for Mandarin/Cantonese)

Click here to start the automated referral process.

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