

LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE REGISTRATION FORM

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

Name:	Last	First	Middle Initial	P Number
Office Telephone	Number of attorneys in your firm			
Firm Name	E-mail address			
Street Address	City	County	Zip	

Geographic Preferences (Please list the counties where you would be willing to handle cases): _____

Year admitted to practice in Michigan _____ Please list all other states where you are currently licensed to practice law _____

Other languages spoken (Please include American Sign Language) _____

I hereby acknowledge that I received and reviewed the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) Rules of Panel Membership. I agree to abide by the LRIS Rules, which include adherence to the following. Persons referred to me by the LRIS will be charged no more than \$20 for the first 30-minute consultation. For any LRIS referral that generates an attorney fee of \$250 or more, I agree to remit ten percent (10%) of the fee to the LRIS (Attention: Finance Department) within ten (10) working days of receiving the quarterly report from the LRIS.

Attorney's signature _____ Date _____

Professional liability carrier _____ Policy number _____ Expiration date _____
(Please include declaration page with registration form)

You must sign the registration form and include your insurance information in order for your application to be processed.

Registration fee \$75 (must be submitted with registration form)	
Enclosed is check # _____ for \$ _____	
Make checks payable to the State Bar of Michigan.	
Or charge my Visa or MasterCard	\$ _____
Credit card # _____	Exp date _____
Authorized signature for credit card _____	

Return your completed registration form with remittance to:

Registration—LRIS—Attn: Finance
State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48933-2012

Please retain a copy of this form for your files.

Areas of Practice

This form must be completed by every attorney who wishes to receive referrals from the State Bar of Michigan LRIS.

Please review the following list and indicate with an "x" your areas of practice. You will receive referrals for every practice area you select.

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| Administrative Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Patent Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Secrets/Unfair Competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agencies - medical subjects | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Law (software, Contract Development, Licensing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Disputes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Commitment | Labor Employment Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord Tenant Issues – Landlord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney General | <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Law Privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord Tenant Issues - Tenant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Police & False Arrest | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Contracts | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License Restoration/ Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoner Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Fraud/Lender Fraud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle Blowers | <input type="checkbox"/> ERISA | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarries/Mining Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling/Gaming/Lotteries | Criminal Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee FMLA | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Real Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate (ICC) Trucking | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Abuse/Negligence | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Independent Contractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Stray Voltage Property Damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor Control Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Non-Compete | <input type="checkbox"/> Time Share |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House/Senate Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Drunk Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Non-Union | <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Storage Tanks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Related Offenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee OSHA | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Paid Legal Service Plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Expungement | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Sexual Harassment | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Crimes | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Union Issues | School Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations and Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Felonies | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Wrongful Discharge | <input type="checkbox"/> School Disciplinary Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant/other Business Licenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Offender | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Sexual Harassment | <input type="checkbox"/> Private School Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability/SSI | <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanors | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer Wrongful Discharge | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Child/Special Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Probation/Parole Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Issues | Taxation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Issues | Other Referral Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation Questions Answered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Comp. Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> White Collar Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer Referral Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Complex Individual Taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workers Compensation | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Agencies that will Answer Questions on Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Simple Individual Taxes |
| Business and Corporations | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare & Elder Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Bono Attorneys | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Business Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> All Legal Aid Clinics | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Taxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Material & Solid Waste | Miscellaneous Law | Tort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporation/Securities | Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Election Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Accident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buying & Selling Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Attorneys | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog/Animal Bite Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Abuse/Neglect | <input type="checkbox"/> HIPAA Violations | <input type="checkbox"/> Assault & Battery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise & Dealerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys licensed in other States | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Custody & Support | Municipal | <input type="checkbox"/> False Imprisonment, Police Brutality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Commercial Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Ordinance | <input type="checkbox"/> Tort Defense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Corporations | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Annulment | <input type="checkbox"/> Suits against Municipalities | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Death Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business setup | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Judgment Issues | Probate Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Libel Slander Defamation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Judgment – QDRO | <input type="checkbox"/> Contested Probate Matters | <input type="checkbox"/> No Fault insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sale of Professional Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of the Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Premises liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Issues – Personal | <input type="checkbox"/> Father's Rights Org. | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoner Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Issues - Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian/Conservator | <input type="checkbox"/> International Probate Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage/Negligence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor | <input type="checkbox"/> International Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Living Wills & Trusts | <input type="checkbox"/> Slip & Fall Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure Defendant | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare/Medicaid Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tavern Owner Liability/Dram Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure Plaintiff | <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Simple Wills/Small Estates | <input type="checkbox"/> Under/Uninsured |
| Commercial/Consumer Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse Possession | <input type="checkbox"/> Accountant Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/S&L/Credit Unions | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Marital Agreements | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Livestock Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Protection Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Commercial Properties | <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractic Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Temp-Restraining Orders | <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Contract Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminate Parental Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain/Condemnation | <input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice Defense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Custody/Parents in Different States | <input type="checkbox"/> Easements, Zoning, Variances | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement/Repair | Federal Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identity Theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Employment Law | | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Policy Disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Law & Watercraft | | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Benefits | | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Law/Used Cars | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Divorce | | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Liability Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FMHA/FHA/VA Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Affairs | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation Accidents/Mass Disaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Contracts | Immigration Matters | | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Mold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secured Transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration | | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Control Liability Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Claims | Intellectual Property | | <input type="checkbox"/> Breast Implants Liability Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Copyright | | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Drug Liability Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Patents/Intellectual Property | | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Poisoning Liability Issues |
| Constitutional Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Software Property Issues | | <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery Liability Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Americans with Disability Act | <input type="checkbox"/> Trademark Issues | | <input type="checkbox"/> Products Liability Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Cases/Civil Rights | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco Liability Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age Discrimination | | | |

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Rule 1-Purpose and Scope

The State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) is designed to provide a lawyer referral to members of the public who need legal assistance and can afford to retain a lawyer. This assistance may include referrals to local bar associations, panel members, government agencies, or other appropriate programs and services.

Rule 2-Establishment of the Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) Committee

The LRS Committee shall consist of at least six members. The President of the State Bar has the power to appoint and remove all members. The LRS Committee should encourage member participation, which is representative of each geographic region within this state.

Rule 3-Powers and Duties of the LRS Committee

The statewide LRIS program will be managed by the State Bar Professional Standards Service Counsel under the general supervision and control of the State Bar LRS Committee as authorized by the State Bar Board of Commissioners. The LRS Committee may draft and, by majority vote, recommend to the Board of Commissioners amendments to these Rules.

Rule 4-Eligibility Requirements and Conditions of Panel Membership

4.1-State Bar active members in good standing shall be eligible to serve as LRIS panel members. Panel members are eligible to receive referrals in areas of practice as designated by them on their Registration Form. All panel members must abide by the Rules of the State Bar LRIS, including complying with all reporting and payment requirements.

4.2-Panel members must be engaged in the private practice of law on a full-time basis and must maintain a law office suitable for meetings with State Bar LRIS callers' during normal business hours. Panel members must promptly notify the State Bar LRIS in writing of the change in membership status, address, and/or telephone number.

4.3-All panel members must carry professional liability insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 aggregate to participate in the State Bar LRIS and must provide a current copy of the insurance policy certificate. Expiration of a panel member's professional liability insurance will automatically suspend that panel member from the State Bar LRIS, until the renewed information is submitted.

4.4-A panel member may elect to accept referrals in any field of law in which the member is competent, in accordance with MRPC 1.1. Selection is done by designating on the Registration Form the lawyer's areas of practice. Referrals are made to panel members on an impartial, rotation, county-by-county basis. Panel members are eligible to receive referrals in every practice area selected. Panel members are cautioned against selecting areas of practice in which they are not actively engaged. Panel members should not select areas of practice if they do not want to receive referrals in those practice areas.

4.5-There is no attorney/client relationship or other professional relationship of any nature whatsoever between the State Bar LRIS and the State Bar LRIS caller. Accordingly, any and all fee disputes that arise are matters to be resolved between the panel member and the caller.

4.6-Panel members may not unreasonably refuse to accept an initial consultation appropriately referred by the State Bar

LRIS. Panel members declining two consecutive referrals will be placed at the end of the rotation list. A panel member's habitual refusal to accept referrals may justify removal from participation in the State Bar LRIS, as provided in Rule 4.8. Acceptance of a referral for an initial consultation does not obligate a panel member to provide legal services beyond the initial consultation.

4.7-A panel member may request in writing to be temporarily suspended from the Service due to sickness, vacation, leave of absence, etc. The request will be effective upon receipt.

4.8-If, in the LRS Committee's opinion, there is reasonable cause to believe a panel member has violated State Bar LRIS Rules, policies or regulations, the LRS Committee may remove the panel member or take such lesser action as it deems appropriate, provided that written notice is given.

4.9-Upon confirmation that a complaint has been brought against a panel member alleging malpractice or another tort pertaining to the representation of a client arising from an established attorney/client relationship or that a complaint as defined by MCR 9.115(B) has been filed against a panel member regarding the representation of a client arising from an established attorney/client relationship, the LRS Committee may elect to suspend the panel member during the pendency of the legal proceeding or disciplinary matter, provided that written notice is given. The LRS Committee may elect to reinstate the suspended panel member for the balance of the term covered by the registration fee last paid upon confirmation that the disciplinary matter has been resolved without a change in the panel member's membership status.

4.10-The attorney fee for an initial consultation with a State Bar LRIS caller shall be no more than \$20 for the first thirty minutes, and shall not be subject to the percentage fee provision included in LRIS Rule 4.12. The initial consultation attorney fee is subject to change as established by the LRS Committee. All other attorney fees beyond the initial consultation must be negotiated between the panel member and the State Bar LRIS caller in accordance with MRPC 1.1 and 1.5.

4.11-Panel members shall pay an annual registration fee of \$75. This annual registration fee is subject to change as established by the LRS Committee.

4.12-For any referral received by a panel member generating an attorney fee of \$250 or more, the panel member agrees to remit ten percent (10%) of the attorney fee to the State Bar of Michigan Finance Department within ten (10) working days of receiving the quarterly case status report from the State Bar LRIS. Panel members are prohibited from increasing legal fees to State Bar LRIS callers to compensate for the required payments to the State Bar LRIS.

4.13-Panel members shall comply with all reporting requirements imposed by the State Bar LRIS, including, but not limited to, the timely submission of quarterly case status reports on forms provided by the State Bar LRIS. Any panel member who fails to comply with State Bar LRIS reporting requirements may be suspended upon ten (10) days written notice. While suspended, the panel member will be deemed inactive and, therefore, ineligible to receive referrals.

4.14-No panel member may transfer a State Bar LRIS referral to another lawyer. If a panel member declines to represent a State Bar LRIS caller, the caller must be referred back to the State Bar LRIS. Alternatively, the caller may be referred to a public entity or agency for assistance. Any panel member who violates this rule shall be liable to the State Bar LRIS in the amount of ten percent (10%) after a \$250 fee has been recovered by

the lawyer to whom the transfer was made or any other subsequent transferee. The foregoing prohibition shall not prevent a panel member from utilizing another lawyer as co-counsel; however, a panel member who utilizes co-counsel shall be liable to the State Bar LRIS for ten percent (10%) of all attorneys' fees recovered by both the panel member and co-counsel, and the panel member shall give written notice of this requirement to co-counsel along with a copy of the State Bar LRIS Rules, at the time the co-counsel relationship is established. Any panel member who fails to comply with this reporting requirement may be suspended upon ten (10) days written notice.

4.15-When a referral is made, the State Bar LRIS will send the panel member a referral report form. A copy of the completed report form must be returned to the State Bar LRIS after the initial consultation with the State Bar LRIS caller, or 30 days after the date of the referral, whichever comes first. The information requested in the referral report is limited to data necessary to operate, improve, and evaluate the State Bar LRIS and shall in no way require the panel member to violate the attorney/client privilege. A record of referral reports submitted by panel members will be maintained by the State Bar LRIS for no less than 120 days.

4.16-A lawyer desiring to withdraw from the Service must notify the State Bar LRIS in writing. The request will be effective upon receipt.

Rule 5-Operations

5.1-Day-to-day operations shall be managed by the State Bar Professional Standards Service Counsel. Staff counsel may periodically survey caller satisfaction regarding its operations. The survey may be by mail or by phone and need not involve every caller. Staff counsel must report serious and/or repeated complaints against panel members to the LRS Committee, which may lead to suspension or removal from the Service.

5.2-Referrals to panel members shall be made on an impartial, rotation, county-by-county basis.

5.3-All calls will be screened by a Lawyer Referral Service Representative who will determine the general nature of the caller's legal situation and the locality in which the caller needs legal assistance.

5.4-If it is ascertained that a caller requires a referral in a county serviced by a local LRIS registered with the State Bar of Michigan pursuant to MRPC 6.3, the caller will be referred to the local LRIS unless the caller specifically requests otherwise.

5.5-Referrals from a local Bar Association will be handled in accordance with State Bar LRIS policies and procedures.

5.6-The State Bar LRIS will be publicized statewide to fulfill its objectives and in accordance with the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. However, the Service will not be publicized via the National Yellow Pages in those counties serviced by a local Bar Association.

Rule 6-Rule Amendments

The LRS Committee may, by majority vote, recommend to the Board of Commissioners amendments to these Rules. The Board of Commissioners may amend these Rules at any time.

1 The phrase "State Bar LRIS caller" or "State Bar LRIS callers" is defined as the person who contacts the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service (via telephone or online) and receives a referral to a local bar association, a panel member, or a public resource.