

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE Program Policies

- 1. LRS PROGRAM/PERCENTAGE FEE POLICY**
Clients are referred to an attorney located in their geographic area on a rotational basis. The attorney agrees to provide a consultation of up to ½ hour at no charge. Upon retention, each panel member agrees to pay to LRS ten percent (10%) of any fee in excess of \$500.00 upon receipt of payment from client, exclusive of costs. Please note that if you decide that another attorney should be consulted, or that special services are required that you do not provide, you must refer the client back to the LRS for a referral. These policies also apply to the Lawyers for the Arts program.
- 2. LRS REDUCED-FEE PROGRAM**
Low to moderate income clients who have been interviewed by LRS staff to determine financial eligibility are referred to panel members. Their income must fall between 150 and 200% of the federal poverty guideline. If further legal services are required beyond the initial consultation, participating attorneys agree to a maximum retainer fee of \$500.00 and a maximum hourly fee of \$100.00. The maximum retainer fee for reduced-fee felony and contested family law cases is \$2000.00. As in the regular LRS program, the attorney agrees to provide a consultation of up to 1/2 hour at no charge. The 10% percentage fee does not apply to reduced-fee cases. These policies also apply to reduced-fee Arts cases.
- 3. LEGAL INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY**
This program refers elderly clients to an attorney located in their geographic area on a rotational basis. The attorney agrees to provide a consultation of up to ½ hour at no charge. Upon retention, each panel member agrees to pay to LRS ten percent (10%) of any fee in excess of \$500.00 upon receipt of payment from client, exclusive of costs.
- 4. REDUCED-FEE PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY**
This program refers low income elderly clients who have been interviewed by LRS staff to determine financial eligibility. The attorney agrees to provide a consultation of up to 1/2 hour at no charge. If further legal services are required beyond the initial consultation, participating attorneys agree to a maximum hourly fee of \$50.00 for legal services.
- 5. PRO BONO PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY**
This program provides pro bono legal services to economically disadvantaged elderly clients. Their income must fall between 125 and 150% of the federal poverty guideline. Participating attorneys will provide services at no charge to completion of case. Clients will be responsible for filing fees, court costs and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the attorney.
- 6. PRO BONO PROGRAM FOR ARTISTS**
This program provides pro bono legal services to low income artists. Their income must fall between 125 and 150% of the federal poverty guideline. Participating attorneys will provide services at no charge to completion of the case. Clients will be responsible for filing fees, court costs and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the attorney.