



ALABAMA STATE BAR LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE CAN HELP YOU FIND A LAWYER

Some things are just too important to take chances on and that's when you need a lawyer most!

- You have considered filing for bankruptcy. Do you really need to — or do you have other options?
- Family problems just can't seem to be solved. How do you make sure your rights are protected in a divorce?
- An injury at work has created a serious health problem. Who can you talk to about what can be done?
- You have been arrested for DUI. What are your rights?
- You are worried about the future of your family if anything happens to you.
- Do you need a will?

When your rights are involved, when rules and regulations have to be followed, or when you need advice in areas that involve the law, you need a lawyer. Without legal counsel, there is a good chance you may be hurting yourself and your family.

WHEN CAN I REACH THE LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE?

The Alabama State Bar Lawyer Referral Service operates Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

HOW DOES THE SERVICE WORK?

When you call the Lawyer Referral Service, you will be asked to briefly state your problem. All information will be held in the strictest confidence.

After listening to your problem, the Lawyer Referral Service representative will take your name, address, telephone number and any other necessary information. You will then be given the name of one lawyer located near you who practices in the area of law that relates to your problem.

It will be your responsibility to contact the lawyer to make an appointment to discuss your legal problem. LRS is unable to make appointments for callers. When you call to make your appointment, always tell the lawyer that the Alabama State Bar Lawyer Referral Service has referred you.

The lawyer referral service is designed to assist the public in finding an attorney that will be able to assist them with a particular legal problem. After the initial consultation, the attorney will then charge at his normal rate. Remember, if you have a legal problem, you should have legal representation.

WHAT IS MY COST?

Our attorneys are grateful for the service our military men and women provide to our country. The referral attorney agrees to charge no more than \$50.00 for the first 30 minute consultation.

If your problem requires work beyond this time, and you decide to hire the lawyer, be sure to discuss any additional fees. A lawyer bases fees on the time

and type of work involved, the difficulty in solving the problem and your needs as the client.

The lawyer Referral Service encourages you to ask for a written fee agreement before you proceed with any legal work beyond the first 30-minute consultation.

In honor of the military service to our country, many of our attorneys offer a 25% discount to all branches of the active reserve military personnel, Alabama Army/Air National Guard, Alabama State Defense Force and Military Retirees.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FOR MY APPOINTMENT?

- Be prepared. When you call the lawyer for an appointment, ask what papers you should bring to the first 30-minute meeting. Be ready to give the lawyer all background information relating to the situation. You may also wish to prepare questions to ask the lawyer.
- Be efficient. If you do hire a lawyer, don't make unnecessary phone calls to the lawyer. Most lawyers charge for time spent on the phone with a client. Keep a list of all items you want to check about with your lawyer. Cover them in one phone call or ask them at your next scheduled meeting.
- Keep records. File any material you receive from your lawyer in one place. Your file is often the best way to find answers for questions about your case.



FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON:

Personal Injury

- auto accident
- workers' compensation
- medical malpractice
- accidental injury

Financial

- bankruptcy
- collections
- garnishment
- tax problems

Business Affairs

- contracts/collections
- patents and copyrights
- corporations/partnerships

Consumer Law

- contracts
- creditor harassment

Criminal Matters

- traffic violations/DUI
- license restoration
- criminal arrest/appeals
- juvenile

Family Law

- divorce
- child support/custody/adoption
- paternity

Probate and Estate

- planning
- wills and probate guardianship

Real Estate

- landlord/tenant dispute zoning/condemnation
- mineral/oil/timber
- foreclosure/boundary disputes
- purchase and sale

Administrative

- Medicare/Medicaid
- social security/SSI

Labor/Employment

- wrongful termination
- employee contracts
- wage/hour

and more

**If you think you need a lawyer,
call 1-800-392-5660**

The Lawyer Referral Service is a service of the Alabama State Bar. Its purpose is to assist in finding a lawyer to provide advice on legal problems.

All panel members of the Lawyer Referral Service are licensed in Alabama and are members in good standing of the Alabama State Bar.

No representation is made as to the quality of legal services to be provided

LET US HELP YOU!

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