

**BERKSHIRE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE**

2020 – 2021 Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BBO Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Accessible? \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Language Ability? (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Admitted to MA Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to Massachusetts, in what other state(s) or Federal Court have you been admitted to practice? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Berkshire County Bar Association? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, your application will be returned. LRS membership is conditioned upon Berkshire County Bar Association membership.

Have you been disciplined by the Board of Bar Overseers (BBO) of the state or a disciplinary authority of another jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please briefly explain in a separate letter. Your correspondence should be addressed to the LRS Committee and will be treated as confidential.

Unless otherwise contracted, the LRS will list you as competent to accept referrals in the areas of law circled on the second page of this application. Please contact the LRS Committee if you wish to make any changes. All LRS members must complete the attached Preference Listing Form.

Insurance: LRS members are required to carry minimum Professional Liability coverage of \$100,000/\$300,000. Please include a copy of the policy declaration page of your current professional liability insurance.

LRS Dues: LRS dues, payable on or before December 1, 2020, are \$50.00. On May 1, 2021, with your BCBA membership renewal, a LRS Panel annual fee of \$100.00 covering the entire May to May one-year cycle will be due. These dues entitle you to choose five (5) areas of law for referrals.

Fee Remittance: To further defray the operating costs of LRS, each LRS member will make an additional contribution equal to fifteen percent (15%) of each fee received from any matter referred.

Contract: Each applicant must execute and return to the Berkshire County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service this application with attached LRS Preference List, together with a copy of the declaration page of your professional liability insurance coverage, and payment in the amount of \$50.00, representing dues from December 1, 2020 through May 1, 2021.

## LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE PREFERENCE LIST

Circle five (5) areas listed below in which you are competent and would like referrals

Administrative Law	Immigration
Adoption	Income Taxes
Bankruptcy*	Labor Law
Business Law & Corporations	Landlord/Tenant
Civil Rights/Discrimination	Legal Malpractice
Collections	License Suspension/MV Appeal
Common Carrier Property Loss	Mediation**
Consumer Protection	Medical Malpractice
Contracts	Mental Health Law
Criminal – District (Misdemeanor)	Municipal Law
Criminal – Superior (Felony)	Patent/Trademark
Domestic Relations/Paternity	Probate of Estates
- Limited Representation***	Product Liability
- Collaborative Law***	Real Estate
Education Law	SSI/SSDI
Elder Law	Tort Claims
Employment Law	Veteran's Claims
Entertainment Law	Wills/Trusts
Environmental Law	Workers Compensation
General Litigation	Zoning
Guardianship/Conservatorship	

\* Bankruptcy Act Public Law 109-8 passed on April 20, 2005; SEC. 326. SHARING OF COMPENSATION. Section 504 of Title 11, United States Code is amended by adding at the end the following: “c“ This section shall not apply with respect to sharing, or agreeing to share, compensation with a bona fide public service attorney referral program that operates in accordance with the non-Federal law regulating attorney referral services and with rules of professional responsibility applicable to attorney acceptance of referrals.”

\*\* Any attorney who seeks referrals in the area of mediation agrees not to represent any party to the mediation in any matter arising out of the referral and must qualify as a mediator pursuant to G.L. c. 233, Section 23C.

\*\*\* Any attorney who seeks referrals in the areas of Limited Representation and/or Collaborative Law must have completed the necessary qualifying requirements.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the LRS Standards and Rules; agree to abide by such Standards and Rules; and solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing statements of information on file with the LRS are true and accurate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_