

Lawyer Referral Services

Description:

Lawyer Referral Services:

Lawyer Referral Services of Area Bar Associations sponsor not-for-profit services that refer members of the public to private attorneys. Persons who access these services are asked several questions by a referral consultant to determine the nature of their situation. The consultant refers individuals to a private attorney for a consultation if it is determined that it would be beneficial to discuss the matter with an attorney. Persons are given an attorney's name and telephone number, whom they must contact to arrange a half-hour consultation. A modest referral fee is charged to offset the program's administrative costs. This fee is due at the time of referral.

Modest Means Reduced Fee Referral Program:

In addition to Lawyer Referral Services, the New Haven County Bar Association sponsors the Modest Means Reduced Fee Referral Program for certain types of family law, landlord/tenant, unemployment compensation and minor criminal cases. Eligible individuals are referred to attorneys who have agreed to consult with clients and possibly take cases for a hourly fee of \$60, which is lower than the typical hourly rate in this area. Family cases are restricted to only new family matters that are filed in the New Haven or Milford courts. Such matters include divorce, child support or custody modifications that are not already in litigation.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must have the ability to pay attorney's fees.
- Modest Means Reduced Fee Referral Program: income must be no more than 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Refer to [Appendix F](#).

Service Areas:

Service areas vary depending upon the availability of participating attorneys.

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

To obtain a referral to a participating attorney:

Fairfield County Bar Association
(Greater Bridgeport/Fairfield Area)
Telephone: 203-335-4116
\$35 referral fee

Modest Means Reduced Fee Referral
Program
Telephone: 203-562-0162
\$25 referral fee

Hartford County Bar Association
Telephone: 860-525-6052
\$25 referral fee

New London County Bar Association
Telephone: 860-889-9384 (only on
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays)
\$25 referral fee

New Haven County Bar Association
(Greater New Haven/Valley/Waterbury)
Telephone: 203-562-5750
\$35 referral fee

Related Information:

[Legal Assistance for Older Persons, refer to page XIV – 18.](#)