

Need A Lawyer?



Camden County Bar Association

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Lawyer Referral Service

The Camden County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service Can Help!

The Camden County Bar Association **Lawyer Referral Service (LRS)** was established in 1952 as a community service to the citizens of Camden County. The LRS can help you find a lawyer, experienced in the area of law you need, who will assist you with your legal concerns and problems.

How Does the LRS Work?

It's easy! When a situation arises in which you need a lawyer, follow the steps below:

- Call the Lawyer Referral Service - **856.482.0618** during office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 am to 4 pm.
- A staff member will request basic information such as your name, address, telephone number, and a brief description of your legal problem.
- If your request meets LRS guidelines based on this brief interview, the staff member will select a private lawyer in the Camden County area who is qualified to handle your particular case.
- You will be given the name, address and telephone number of this private attorney, and will also be mailed a copy of the referral form with this information on it for easy reference.
- You contact the lawyer directly for an appointment at the lawyer's office. You may be charged a maximum of \$30 for a 30-minute consultation. The lawyer's office will set up the appointment, give you directions, and collect the fee.

What Happens at This Meeting?

Called an *initial consultation*, the lawyer will listen to your situation. He/she will discuss

the situation with you, analyze your legal situation, and briefly advise you as to your rights and what he/she thinks you should do. If appropriate, the lawyer will discuss rendering further services. **You are under no obligation to proceed with any additional services.**

If you choose to hire the lawyer, you and the lawyer will agree upon the fee to be paid for services performed after the initial consultation.

What Will it Cost?

The initial consultation is governed by LRS regulations and must be nominal, but no more than \$30 for the initial half-hour consultation. Time spent after the initial half-hour may be at the lawyer's regular hourly rate, but he/she must advise you of this in advance. Most lawyers do not charge more than the initial LRS fee, even if the initial consultation runs longer than a half-hour. The fee should be paid to the lawyer.

What Should I Bring to the First Meeting?

You should bring any papers related to your legal issue, and the names and addresses of any persons or businesses involved. This should ultimately save you time and perhaps money.

If you are delayed or unable to keep your appointment, call the lawyer's office to cancel or reschedule.

Will My Information Be Confidential?

Yes, discussions with the lawyer are required to be held in the strictest of confidence.

Do LRS Lawyers Have Proper Credentials?

All participating attorneys are licensed in the State of New Jersey by the State Supreme Court, and are members in good standing of the Bar of New Jersey. Many are also licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and many other states.

What if I Can't Afford an Attorney?

If you are unable to afford a lawyer, you may be eligible to receive free legal assistance through South Jersey Legal Services (856.964.2010) for civil matters, or the Office of the Public Defender (856.757.2626) for criminal matters.

When YOU need a lawyer, call the Trusted Source in Camden County . . .

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