Butler County Bar Association
2026 Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) Application

Name: _____ Supreme Ct. No:_____

Office Address:_____

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What days/hours is office staffed?_____

Branch office location(s):_____

What days/hours is branch staffed?_____

Office phone:(_____)_____ Cell phone:(_____)_____

Fax:(_____)_____ E-mail:_____

Website:_____ Year admitted to Ohio Bar:_____

Law School:_____ Graduation Date:_____

Your professional liability carrier:_____

Policy #:_____ Exp date:_____ (Attach copy of declaration page)

Terms for acceptance as an LRS Attorney Participant

Participation in the LRS is on a subscription basis. Monthly or annual subscriptions are available.

For monthly subscriptions, you agree to provide the Butler County Bar Association with a valid credit card account which will be charged the then applicable monthly subscription rate on the first business day of the month for each month of your participation in the program. Monthly subscriptions are automatically renewing on a month-to-month basis but you may cancel your subscription at any time upon written notice directed to the Butler County Bar Association Executive Director or his/her designee. Cancellations are effective the last day of the month following the month in which the written cancellation is submitted.

For annual (12 consecutive months) subscriptions, you agree to provide the Butler County Bar Association with a valid credit card account which will be charged the annual subscription rate. Your participation in the program will commence the first day of the month following receipt of your payment and continue for twelve (12) consecutive months ending on the last day of the twelfth month. Annual subscriptions will automatically renew at the then applicable annual rate but you may avoid automatic renewal by submitting written notice directed to the Butler County Bar Association Executive Director or his/her designee at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of your annual subscription period. An attorney may withdraw from LRS participation during their subscription year but you will not be entitled to a refund of any portion of the annual fee.

By completing and signing this application you certify that you reviewed and will fully comply with the LRS Rules and Procedures (attached and incorporated herein) and the terms and conditions of this application. You also certify that you are competent, qualified, and willing to handle all legal matters in the areas of law for which you elect to accept referrals through the LRS.

When selecting the areas of law for which you will be accepting LRS referrals be aware of the requirements of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct including:

> *Professional Conduct Rule 1.1 Client-lawyer relationship.*
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> > *A lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness, and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation.*
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> On determining competency to handle a matter referred to you through the LRS, please consider the definition of legal competence employed by the American Law Institute - American Bar Association Committee on Continuing Professional Education. The ALI-ABA definition states:
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> > Legal competence is measured by the extent to which an attorney (1) is specifically knowledgeable about the fields of law in which he or she practices; (2) performs the techniques of such practice with skill; (3) manages such practice efficiently; (4) identifies issues beyond his or her competence relevant to the matter undertaken, bringing these to the client's attention; (5) properly prepares and carries through the matter undertaken; and (6) is intellectually, emotionally, and physically capable. Legal incompetence is measured by the extent to which an attorney fails to maintain these qualities.

You agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Butler County Bar Association (BCBA), the Lawyer Referral Service (LRS), and their officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability and costs attendant thereto (including fees for representation and other litigation expenses) arising out of your subscription to and participation in the LRS.

The Butler County Bar Association may conduct random audits and research of referrals made through the LRS program for marketing purposes, data collection, and to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of the program. You agree to fully cooperate with these audits and research. You indicate by your signature on this application acceptance of the above stated terms and conditions as an LRS participant, including the separate Rules and Procedures.

Your Signature:_____Date signed:_____

LRS Committee Approval:_____Date signed:_____

☐ ***YES!*** I want to participate in the Butler County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service Program.

I want to participate in the LRS as a (choose one only)

☐ **Basic Monthly Subscriber at $35.00 per month.**

The Basic Monthly Subscription Program includes month-to-month participation in an unlimited number of categories* excluding Domestic/Family Law, Negligence/Tort Law, Probate Law, and Real Estate Law.

☐ **Premium Monthly Subscriber at $50.00 per month.**

The Premium Monthly Subscription Program includes month-to-month participation in an unlimited number of categories* including Domestic/Family Law, Negligence/Tort Law, Probate Law, and Real Estate Law.

☐ **Basic Annual Subscriber at $359.00 per year. SAVE 15%**

The Basic Annual Subscription Program includes a full twelve calendar months of participation in an unlimited number of categories* excluding Domestic/Family Law, Negligence/Tort Law, Probate Law, and Real Estate Law.

☐ **Premium Annual Subscriber at $499.00 per year. SAVE 17%**

The Premium Monthly Subscription Program includes a full twelve calendar months of participation in an unlimited number of categories* including Domestic/Family Law, Negligence/Tort Law, Probate Law, and Real Estate Law.

**Available referral categories provided separately.*

Your only cost to participate is the monthly or annual subscription price
Attorney participants now keep ALL INCOME generated by LRS referrals!

However, because of the nature of the program, the Butler County Bar Association is unable to guarantee the number of referrals you will receive or the amount of income you will earn as a subscriber

Credit Card Number:_____ Expiration Date:_____

Name on Card:_____ Security Code: _____

Billing Address: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date:_____