

LRS Membership Agreement

I _____ declare that:
(Please print your name)

1. I am an active member of the State Bar of California.
2. **At least 25% of my professional time and practice is devoted to and in the geographical service area (defined as all of the County of San Mateo and the County of Santa Clara).**
Please see the requirements page for additional certification requirements.
3. I agree to render services in: _____ (A) San Mateo County _____ (B) Santa Clara County.
4. I have read and understand the rules governing LRS and agree to abide by them and such other and future rules as may be adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Bar Association ("SMCBA").
5. I am presently covered by Errors and Omissions Insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000 for each occurrence and \$300,000 in aggregate per year and shall maintain said policy or a renewal policy throughout the dues period. Should the policy expire or be canceled for any reason, I agree to notify the Lawyer Referral Service of the SMCBA prior to the expiration or cancellation date and shall refuse any further referrals from LRS after the expiration or cancellation date until the policy has been renewed or reinstated.
A copy of the Declarations page of such policy is attached.

6. I agree that fees charged to the clients referred by LRS shall be no more than those charged to clients not referred by LRS for similar service and agree to submit to binding arbitration any fee dispute initiated by any client referred to me by LRS.

7. I agree to promptly return confirmation reports and referral progress and remittal reports and forward to LRS any and all consultation fees received from referred clients and to promptly respond to case disposition slips and forward to LRS 15% of any attorney's fees earned from referred clients above \$100.

8. I hereby declare that I either have sufficient experience and skill necessary to undertake representation of clients referred by LRS, or that I will perform the duties necessary to competently represent clients in those areas by associating or, where appropriate, professionally consulting with another member of the Bar who is competent in such fields, or by acquiring sufficient learning and skill before actual performance in such areas is required. I further declare that I have sufficient time, resources, and abilities to perform such duties, and that in such areas where I lack sufficient expertise at the time of undertaking to represent a client in such a matter, I will not charge the client for my efforts in obtaining sufficient expertise to undertake such representation competently.

9. If I am a member of a specialty subject panel, I recertify my application for said panel and additionally affirm that I have maintained my expertise in said area of law by handling of additional cases and/or by continuing education.

10. I am competent to render legal services or have a qualified interpreter readily available in the following language(s) other than English:

(A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____.

11. Declaration pursuant to Civil Code Section 43.95 (check all that apply):

___ I am **not currently** under discipline by the State Bar of California or any other state licensing agency.

___ I have **never been** disciplined by the State Bar of California or any other state licensing agency.

___ I **have been** disciplined by the State Bar of California or any other state licensing agency on the following dates and for the following reasons (attach separate sheet if necessary):

12. I agree to cooperate with the LRS in adhering to all established guidelines stipulated above (initial). _____

13. I understand that any disciplinary action ever taken against me by the State Bar of California shall, and by any other state licensing agency, may be disclosed to every client referred to me by LRS, and that this will be done pursuant to Civil Code Section 43.95.

14. I agree to waive and release any and all claims against The San Mateo County Bar Association, its members and employees, The Committee(s), and its agents, for any liability or loss arising out of the activities or the operation of The Lawyer Referral Service or the referral of clients and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Bar Association, its employees, The Committee, and its agents, from any and all claims, demands, actions, liability or loss, which may arise from or be incurred as a result of, any and all referrals of clients to any LRS panel attorney through The Service.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained on the LRS Membership Agreement, and this Declaration per Civil Code Section 43.95 are true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20 _____ at, _____, California.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____