



**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE (LRIS) APPLICATION  
2021 NEW MEMBER**

Last Name	First Name	MI	State Bar No.	Year Admitted to State Bar
Firm Name			Business Phone	Fax
Street Address		Suite #	City/State/Zip	
Website address (if available)			Email Address <i>(By providing your email address, you agree to allow the LRIS to email you regarding relevant LRIS information.)</i>	

How did you hear about us?

- I am a **member** of the Orange County Bar Association, and have enclosed my check in the sum of **\$225.00** for annual LRIS membership dues. *(Please note that dues are based on the calendar year and are not pro-rated.)*
- I am **not** a member of the Orange County Bar Association, and have enclosed my check in the sum of **\$450.00** for annual LRIS membership dues. *(To obtain OCBA membership information, please contact the Membership Department at 949/440-6700.)*
- I am a member of the OCBA and interested in renewing/joining the Modest Means panel **only**, and have enclosed my check in the sum of **\$75.00**. LRIS membership fee is waived for the Immigration Law panel.

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

Please check that you have read the following:

- I have read LRIS Rule 8.3 and agree to pay to the Lawyer Referral & Information Service a forwarding fee of 15% of any and all fees collected (except for Modest Means referrals) from all clients referred to me by the Lawyer Referral & Information Service.
- I maintain an office in Orange County, California as described in LRIS Rule 5.1.

Please check all that apply:

- I have attached proof of my current Errors and Omissions insurance policy (Certificate of Insurance or Declarations Page only).
- I am willing to travel to other Court Jurisdictions:  Los Angeles  Riverside  San Bernardino  San Diego
- I am interested in receiving bilingual referrals.  Staff is bilingual  Attorney is bilingual  Both  
Language(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- I am licensed to practice in another State. Bar # \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understand and agree to be bound by all the Rules of the Orange County Bar Association Lawyer Referral & Information Service as of the date hereof, or as amended hereafter as provided for by such Rules. I have read and agree to be bound by the Rules of Professional Conduct governing attorneys in the State of California. I will be responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations and requirements which are implemented subsequent to the date of this application by the Lawyer Referral & Information Service Committee, Lawyer Referral & Information Service Administrator, or the Orange County Bar Association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**THIS FORM IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE SUBMITTED AT TIME OF APPLICATION.**

**DECLARATION RE: DISCIPLINARY STATUS**

This declaration is submitted to enable the Lawyer Referral & Information Service of the Orange County Bar Association to comply with the provisions of the California Civil Code Section 43.95.

**DECLARANT INFORMATION:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address, Suite No.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State and Zip Code)

**TELEPHONE:** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR OF ADMISSION TO THE STATE BAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:**

1. Have you ever been refused admission to practice, disbarred, suspended from practice or formally reprimanded by any state licensing or administrative agency, are any such proceedings in progress, or have you been notified that filing of any such proceeding may be imminent? **If yes, explain on a separate sheet.** Yes  No
  
2. Have you had any judgments entered against you, or have you entered into any settlements involving any monetary payments by you to the claimant, relating to any claims or actions filed against you alleging any liability arising from the performance of professional legal services? **If yes, explain on a separate sheet.** Yes  No
  
3. Have you ever been declined, canceled or refused renewal for any policy of professional liability insurance for reasons other than non-payment or poor credit? **If yes, explain on a separate sheet.** Yes  No
  
4. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? **If yes, explain on a separate sheet.** Yes  No
  
5. Have you been declined, refused renewal or expelled from any other referral service, or is any such action pending? **If yes, explain on a separate sheet.** Yes  No
  
6. Has any Court imposed sanctions against you (other than discovery related sanctions) in excess of \$1,000? Yes  No

By signing below, I agree to hold LRIS harmless from material misrepresentations or omissions concerning the above and understand that the same or failure to provide LRIS with true and complete information may result in my immediate exclusion from the LRIS panels. I also agree to inform the LRIS under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information, including any supplementary information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Declarant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE PANEL BREAKDOWN**

Please select from the following list of main panels (limit 6) and sub-categories (no limit) the Lawyer Referral & Information Service uses to make referrals. The \$25.00 administrative fee is not charged to a client for Panels indicated with “(NO FEE FOR CLIENT)”.

**Modest Means Program: (See attached Modest Means Program Guidelines)**

The panel members on this program agree to provide reduced fee services to callers who meet the eligibility requirements. The 15% forwarding fee is waived for all Modest Means referrals. Referrals under this program will be in addition to all other referrals and will not in any way affect your rotation on any other panel.

**YOU MAY JOIN A MAXIMUM OF 6 MAIN PANELS**

**Please note that the panels preceded by an asterisk (\*) require a Statement of Qualifications to be completed in order to place your name in rotation to receive referrals for those panels. Statement of Qualifications are available online at [www.lrisoc.org](http://www.lrisoc.org)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DMV hearings/license suspension              | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor license/Alcohol Beverage Control         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education of the handicapped/Special Ed IEP  | <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with schools – students re: Discipline |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agencies                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional discipline/license                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Trade Commission                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant & other business licenses            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government - complaints against the “system” | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Loans / Wage Garnishment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gun permits                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment benefits                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate Commerce Commission               | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities                                       |

**ADMIRALTY**

- Injuries
- Jones Act
- Marina problems/contracts

**ADOPTIONS**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Adoptions                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital adoptions     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defending rights of birth parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Private adoptions     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kinship, foster care              | <input type="checkbox"/> Step Parent Adoptions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights    |  |

**\*BANKRUPTCY**

I would like to receive Modest Means referrals for this panel.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asset Protection                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7, Personal Bankruptcy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adversary Proceeding                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13, Business Bankruptcy                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Chapter 11/Plan of Reorganization | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13, Personal Bankruptcy                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business bankruptcy (other)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Receivership  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creditors' Rights                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Straight bankruptcy involving professional practice |

**\*BUSINESS LITIGATION**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Litigation (for the Intellectual Property transactional panel, see Intellectual Property panel) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-trust  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade secrets      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfair competition |

**CIVIL APPELLATE** (not considered as a main panel)

Corresponding panel (s) \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDEMNATION**

- Eminent Domain

**CONSUMER**

I would like to receive Modest Means referrals for this panel.

- Auto repair contracts
- Car Dealers/Auto contracts
- Clean up credit
- Collections – Creditor / Plaintiff
- Collections – Debtor / Defendant
- Collections – Personal non creditor related
- Consumer Fraud
- Contracts for purchase of goods and services
- Credit & bank problems

- Contests / Gaming
- Home improvement & repair
- Identity theft
- Internet purchases / fraud
- Judgment – Creditor
- Lemon Law
- Small Claims Court
- Warranties
- Repossessions

**CORPORATE & BUSINESS**

- Business dissolutions
- Business disputes (e.g. breach of contract)
- Business formations
- Buying & selling businesses
- Contracts
- Collections
- Franchises
- Incorporation
- Transactional

- International
- Litigation
- Mechanics liens
- Non-profit organizations
- Partnerships
- Securities & Commodities
- Structured Settlements
- LLC Formation

**\*CRIMINAL (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

I would like to receive After Hours referrals for this panel.

Misdemeanors

- Battery
- Domestic Violence
- DUI
- Grand Theft (under \$950)
- Violation of Restraining Order
- Sex Crimes
- Victim/Witness
- Other Misdemeanors

Low Grade Felonies

- Commercial Burglary
- Drug—Intent to Sell
- Drug—Possession
- Firearms—Possession
- Grand Theft (over \$950)
- Assault
- DUI with Injury
- Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment
- Victim/Witness
- Other Low Grade Felonies

Military

- Military

Post-Conviction

- Criminal Appeals
- Habeas Corpus
- Parole/Probation Violations
- Expungements

Serious/Violent Felonies (Strikable Charges)

- Kidnapping
- Arson
- Drug-Intent to sell, firearms present
- Residential Burglary
- Aggravated Assault
- Homicide
- Carjacking
- Robbery
- Sex Crimes
- Child Molestation
- Child Abuse
- Gang Crimes
- Victim/Witness

Federal Crimes

- RICO
- Conspiracy
- Drug Offenses
- Federal White Collar (mail fraud, wire fraud, securities fraud)
- Weapons
- Internet Crimes
- Victim/Witness

White Collar/Fraud

- Embezzlement
- Fraud (insurance, welfare, real estate, bank, etc.)
- Victim/Witness

**DISCRIMINATION & CIVIL RIGHTS**

- Age discrimination
- AIDS discrimination
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Discrimination in housing
- False arrest/imprisonment

- Police misconduct/discrimination
- Racial
- Sexual harassment
- Police brutality
- Violation of constitutional rights

**\*ELDER LAW**

- I would like to receive Modest Means referrals for this panel.
- I am interested in receiving Adult Protective Services (APS) referrals for this panel. (NO FEE)
- I am interested in receiving Ombudsman referrals for this panel. (NO FEE)
- I would be willing to make home/facility visits.

Public Benefits (Age 65 and over)

- Appealing denials of eligibility for public benefits and entitlements
- Fiduciary Abuse
- Medical liens and estate claims
- Medicare advocacy and appeals
- Rights of long term care residents
- SSI

Planning for Incapacity

- Durable powers of attorney for long term care (health and financial)
- Estate Planning (long term care)
- Long-term care insurance

Nursing Home Abuse and Other Elder Abuse Litigation

- Actions Against Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Consumer Fraud
- Elder Abuse Litigation under EADACPA
- Protection from Physical Abuse: Injunctive Actions

**ENTERTAINMENT**

- Art
- Film
- Modeling
- Music/Recording

- Publishing
- Sports Contracts
- Television
- Theater

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Land use
- Mining & Mineral
- Mold
- Oil & Gas

- Pollution
- Toxic Wastes
- Natural Resources

**\*FAMILY (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

- I would like to receive Modest Means referrals for this panel.
- I would like to receive Limited Scope referrals for this panel.
- I would like to receive After Hours referrals for this panel.

- Annulments
- Collaborative Law
- Divorce
- Domestic Partnerships
- Interstate
- International
- Legal separations
- Mediation
- Military Divorce

- Name change
- Non Income Spouse
- Prenuptial agreements
- Post-Divorce
- Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDRO's)
- Restraining order
- Spousal abuse
- Spousal support

**Child Custody Issues...**

- Child support collection
- Child support modification
- Child support Defense
- Contested custody
- Divorce with children involved

- Grandparents rights
- Guardianship
- Paternity
- Visitation
- Domestic disputes involving children

**HOUSING**

I would like to receive Modest Means referrals for this panel.

- Commercial
- Evictions
- Landlord
- Lease / Rental Agreements
- Mobile home – Property Rental

- Tenant
- Public housing – Section 8/HUD
- Residential

**\*IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

I would like to receive Modest Means referrals for this panel.

- Adjustment of Status
- Administrative Appeals
- Asylum/Withholding/CAT
- Bond Hearings
- Consultation for Detainees
- Deferred Action
- Employment Authorization
- Employment Based Immigrant Petitions
- Family Petitions

- Naturalization
- Nonimmigrant Visas
- Post-Conviction Relief
- Removal Defense
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- T Nonimmigrant Visas
- U Nonimmigrant Visas
- VAWA

**INSURANCE**

- Accident
- Annuities
- Arbitration between insurance companies
- Bad Faith
- COBRA
- Disability Insurance
- Health / HMO
- Homeowner's / Fire/Property / Casualty

- HIPAA
- Life/Waiver of Premiums/Death Benefits
- Medical Payments
- Obligation of Defense & Indemnity
- Private Policy
- Punitive Damage Issues
- Settlements

**\*INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (For Intellectual Property Litigation, see Business Litigation panel)**

To receive referrals for **Patents** please include your Patent & Trademark Office Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

- Anti-trust
- Computer software licensing
- Copyrights
- Internet Law

- Starting or establishing Patent
- Starting or establishing Trademarks
- Trade secrets
- Unfair competition

**INTERNATIONAL**

- Chemicals
- Currency violations
- Customs & tariffs
- Electric
- Failure to declare

- International trade agreements
- Licensed to practice/affiliated office in other counties
- Reparations
- Smuggling

**JUVENILE**

- Abuse or neglect by parents
- Criminal matters involving juveniles
- Delinquency

- Dependency / Emancipation of a minor
- Termination of parental rights

**\*LABOR**

- COBRA
- Civil service / Government employees
- Disciplinary action by employer
- Discrimination on the job
- Employee contract/breach of contract
- Employee representation
- Employer representation
- ERISA
- Family and Medical Leave Act
- Federal Employees

- Labor Board Appeals
- Pension / Profit Sharing
- Severance Package
- Severance Package - Executive
- Union Disputes
- Union – Education Professionals
- Wage and Hour Claims
- Wage garnishment
- Whistleblower
- Wrongful/abusive termination
- Workers' Compensation Retaliation

**LEGAL MALPRACTICE**

- Defense
- Fee Arbitration for Client / Attorney Disputes

- Plaintiff
- State Bar Discipline Hearings

**\*MEDICAL MALPRACTICE (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

- Arbitration
- Breast Implant Litigation
- Cosmetic / Plastic Surgery
- Chiropractic
- Defense
- Dental malpractice
- Laser Eye Surgery
- Mental Health Facility

- Medications
- Misdiagnosis / Improper Treatment
- Paralysis
- Psychiatric
- Surgery
- Wrongful Death

**MENTAL HEALTH**

- Caregivers Assistance
- Familiar with assistance for Alzheimer
- Discrimination based on mental health

- In-competency
- Mental Health Facility - Releases

**MILITARY**

- Active Status
- Court Martial
- Criminal Matters
- Reservists

- Medical Malpractice (against VA)
- Veterans
- Administrative Separations

**\*PERSONAL INJURY & PROPERTY DAMAGE (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

I would like to receive After Hours referrals for this panel.

- Asbestos / Chemicals
- Abuse of process/Government entities
- Animal bites & attacks
- Assault and Battery
- Auto Accidents
- Aviation Accidents
- Class Action
- Defamation
- Defense
- Injured animals
- Invasion of privacy
- Libel
- Malicious prosecution
- Medications

- Mass disasters
- Mold
- Non Domestic Restraining Order
- Premises liability
- Product liability
- Slander
- Slip and Fall
- Structured Settlements
- Tavern owner's liability
- Torts/Negligence
- Veterinary malpractice
- Wrongful Death
- Paralysis

**REAL PROPERTY**

- Agricultural/livestock
- Broker/Agent/Escrow company problems
- Commercial
- Condominiums
- Construction issues
- Co-op conversions
- Easements
- Financing / Mortgages / ARM Loan / Reverse
- Foreclosure
- Homeowner's association
- Homesteading
- Land
- Loan Modifications
- Mechanical Lien
- Mobile homes
- Mortgage Fraud

- Neighbor disputes
- Preparation of deeds
- Property purchases, sales, leases
- Property line dispute with neighbor
- Public Housing / HUD
- Rescission
- Residential
- Short Sale
- Subdivisions
- Time Shares
- Transfer of business
- Transfer of Interest / Quit Claim
- Variances
- Water Issues
- Zoning and permits

**SOCIAL SECURITY (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

- Appeals
- Foreign social security/pensions
- Medical-Cal / Medicaid
- Medicare
- Overpayment

- Social Security Disability
- SSI
- State disability
- Welfare

**\*TAXATION**

- Audits - IRS
- Business & large personal
- Corporate planning
- ERISA
- Federal, State & local personal

- Individual planning
- Interstate/international
- Offer & Compromise
- Tax litigation
- Trust & estate income taxes

**WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES**

- Assistance for caregiver's
- Complex litigation
- Conservatorship
- Death of a tenant
- Death transfers
- Durable power of attorney

- Estate & trust planning
- Guardianship
- Probate & Estate Administration
- Special needs trust
- Will drafting & review
- Will contests

**\*WORKERS' COMPENSATION (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

- All injuries suffered during course of employment
- Appeals
- Chemicals
- Defense
- Federal
- Harassment (stress related)
- Insurance settlements
- State

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Name (Please print)

Date

Phone

**Please return to:**

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
*Lawyer Referral & Information Service*  
P.O. Box 6130  
Newport Beach, CA 92658

Or upload to: [www.ocbar.org/LRISportal](http://www.ocbar.org/LRISportal)

**(MUST RETURN ALL PAGES OF PANEL BREAKDOWN)**



## **TYPES OF MATTERS REFERRED UNDER MODEST MEANS (MM)**

15% forwarding fee and \$25 administrative fee is waived for all Modest Means referrals

*Please note that the panels preceded by an asterisk (\*) require a Statement of Qualifications to be completed and kept on file with the Service in order to place your name in rotation to receive referrals for those panels.*

### **\*MM BANKRUPTCY (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adversary Proceeding                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13, Personal Bankruptcy                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Chapter 11/Plan of Reorganization | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13, Business Bankruptcy                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor's rights                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Receivership  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7, Personal Bankruptcy             | <input type="checkbox"/> Straight bankruptcy involving professional practice |

### **MM CONSUMER (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto repair contracts                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Home improvement & repair  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car Dealers/Auto contracts                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Identity theft             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up credit                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet purchases / fraud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Law                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Fraud                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Repossessions              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts for purchase of goods and services | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Claims Court         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit & bank problems                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Warranties                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contests / Gaming                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment-Creditor          |

### **\*MM ELDER LAW (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

#### Public Benefits (Age 65 and over)

- Appealing denials of eligibility for public benefits and entitlements
- Fiduciary Abuse
- Medical liens and estate claims
- Medicare advocacy and appeals
- Rights of long term care residents
- SSI

#### Nursing Home Abuse and Other Elder Abuse Litigation

- Actions Against Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Consumer Fraud
- Protection from Physical Abuse: Injunctive Actions

#### Planning for Incapacity

- Durable powers of attorney for long term care (health and financial)
- Estate Planning (long term care)
- Long-term care insurance
- Special Needs Trust-personal injury & disabled

### **\*MM FAMILY (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annulments            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Divorce      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Divorce      | <input type="checkbox"/> QDRO's            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Name change           | <input type="checkbox"/> Restraining order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Income Spouse     | <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal abuse     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International         | <input type="checkbox"/> Prenuptial agreements | <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal support   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal separations     |  |  |

#### **Child Custody Issues**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child support collection   | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce with children involved       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child support modification | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic disputes involving children | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child support Defense      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contested custody          |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation          |

### **MM HOUSING (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

- |                                      |                                       |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial  | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease/rental agreements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evictions   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant       | <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Homes |  |

### **\*MM IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION (NO FEE FOR CLIENT)**

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjustment of Status       | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Authorization             | <input type="checkbox"/> Removal Defense                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Appeals     | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Based Immigrant Petitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Immigrant Juvenile Status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum/Withholding/CAT     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Petitions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> T Nonimmigrant Visas              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bond Hearings              | <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization                       | <input type="checkbox"/> U Nonimmigrant Visas              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation for Detainees | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonimmigrant Visas                   | <input type="checkbox"/> VAWA                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred Action            | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Conviction Relief               |  |

**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MODEST MEANS PROGRAM GUIDELINES**



**BASIC STRUCTURE:**

Reduced fee for Bankruptcy Law, Consumer Law, Elder Law, Family Law, Housing (Landlord/Tenant), and Immigration Law.

**Client Eligibility for Bankruptcy, Consumer, Family, Immigration and Landlord/Tenant (Housing):**

Under \$60,000 annual gross household income, plus COLAs. Less than \$10,000 in liquid assets, plus COLAs.

*The LRIS staff will determine client eligibility.*

**Client Eligibility for Elder Law:**

Age: 60

Means: \$50,000 of assets if he or she owns a home.  
\$100,000 of assets if he or she does not own a home.

(Others who are not elderly themselves but need services pertaining to the elderly will qualify under the regular Modest Means test.)

**Attorney Eligibility:**

Agreement to abide by the LRIS rules and requirements including insurance and experience standards. For Consumer, Family Law, and Housing (Landlord/Tenant), Attorneys agree to charge no more than \$125.00 an hour, and not to request more than a \$1,000 retainer deposit.

For bankruptcy matters involving Chapter 7's with 15 creditors or less, attorney agrees to a fixed rate of \$1,000 plus filing fee. If the case involves more than 15 creditors, the attorney agrees to charge \$1,000 plus filing fee for the first 15 creditors and up to \$125.00 per hour thereafter. For bankruptcy matters involving Chapter 13's, attorney agrees to a fixed rate of \$1,300 plus filing fee.

For Elder law referrals, Attorneys agree to abide by the following fee schedule:

Set Fees: Will	<u>\$125.00</u>
Durable Power of Attorney	<u>\$75.00</u> (each)
Small Estate Administration Spousal Set-Aside	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Deeds, Affidavits	<u>\$75.00</u>

The following services will be provided at the standard modest means rate of up to \$125.00 per hour unless otherwise approved by Court from an elder's estate:

- Review of Shared Housing Lease
- Conservatorship, Defense or Voluntary
- Elder Abuse, and Grandparent Guardianships

For Immigration Law referrals, attorneys agree that the following range of legal fees (not including government filing fees, medical exam fees, advertising fees, etc.) will be charged for the following types of petitions/applications:

▪ I-130 Immigrant Petition for Family Member (only)	\$400.00 - \$700
▪ I-130 with Adjustment of Status Application	\$1000.00 - \$1300
▪ Consular Processing	\$3000.00 - \$4000.00
▪ I-765 Application for Employment Authorization	\$125.00 - \$175
▪ I-751 Petition to Remove Conditions (joint)	\$300.00
▪ U Visa Application	\$600.00 - \$1200.00
▪ VAWA Application	\$600.00 - \$1200.00
▪ Special Immigrant Juvenile Status	\$1500.00 - \$3000.00
▪ Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)	\$400.00 - \$800.00
▪ DACA Renewal	\$150.00 - \$300.00
▪ N-400 Application for Naturalization	\$400.00 - \$600
▪ Cancellation of Removal (for LPRs)	\$1600.00 - \$2000.00
▪ Cancellation of Removal (for non-LPRs)	\$2500.00 - \$4000.00
▪ Temporary Protected Status	\$200.00
▪ Affirmative Asylum	\$2200.00 - \$3000.00
▪ Consultation for Detainees	\$75 - \$150
▪ Credible Fear Interview	\$250 - \$500
▪ Bond Hearing	\$650 - \$800
▪ Defensive Asylum Application	\$2500.00 - \$4000.00
▪ Administrative Appeals	\$750.00
▪ BIA Appeals	\$1500.00 - \$2000.00
▪ I-131 Application for Travel Document	\$200.00

For other types of immigration cases and cases listed above that involve services above and beyond a “typical” case (i.e., criminal issues, prior immigration violations, etc.), attorneys agree to charge no more than \$125.00 per hour, and not to request more than a \$1,000 retainer deposit.

The mission of the Modest Means Program is to meet the overwhelming need for access to the justice system by those Orange County residents with low and fixed income where access to legal aid and pro bono assistance is not possible, and household resources are insufficient to pay prevailing hourly rates for legal services. The Modest Means Program will meet this need by providing those residents access to a panel of attorneys who, along with providing a public service, will also have the opportunity to broaden their practice with the guidance of more experienced attorneys.

To be eligible for a referral to an attorney through the Program, the caller’s annual gross household income must be under \$60,000, with less than \$10,000 in liquid assets. The Lawyer Referral & Information staff will determine the client’s eligibility. *The attorney verifies client eligibility.* The caller will also be told that the attorney will charge them at a rate of up to \$125.00 per hour for legal services. If the caller indicates that they are not able to afford these fees, they will be referred to the Legal Aid Society, the Public Law Center, or to another agency for assistance.

The rules and requirements of the Lawyer Referral & Information Service apply to the Modest Means Program as well. All members must be covered by a policy of errors and omissions insurance in the minimum amount of \$100,000.00 single occurrence and \$300,000.00 aggregate per year. For Family Law and Bankruptcy, and Immigration referrals, Modest Means panel attorneys must also meet the standard qualifications. Modest Means Program participants are not required to submit the standard 15% forwarding fee for Modest Means referrals.

To participate on the Modest Means Program **only**, there is a membership fee of \$75.00 (waived for Immigration Law). There is no additional fee for members of the Lawyer Referral & Information Service.

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