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The LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE is a program of Nevada County Legal Assistance, Inc., which is a California non-profit public benefit corporation.

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE:

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

**Call for an appointment,
MONDAY through FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Please leave Message after hours.

**Office: 120 N. Auburn, Ste 214
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Grass Valley, CA 95945**

(530) 272-5962

**Our Office is accessible
to the disabled**

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nevadacountybar.com/lrs.html

NEED A LAWYER?

CONTACT THE
Lawyer Referral Service



Our mission is to promote access to attorneys for those unable to locate or afford legal representation and to provide the public direct referrals to qualified counsel.

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WHAT IS THE LRS? The Lawyer Referral Service [LRS] is a local legal referral agency. It is certified by the State Bar of California, and governed by State law and local regulations. The LRS is operated by Nevada County Legal Assistance, Inc. [NCLA], For a \$35 processing fee, the LRS provides clients an initial consultation with an attorney who is qualified and experienced in the appropriate area of law. All panel attorneys are members of the California State Bar and the Nevada or Placer County Bar Associations. Each attorney is screened to ensure that they have had no disciplinary action that would affect the quality of representation, and all certify that they carry malpractice insurance.

Attorneys join the LRS by certifying their area(s) of practice, completing an application and agreement to comply with rules and law, and paying an annual membership fee. Participating attorneys return to LRS a portion of any fees paid by clients to help support legal services operations of the LRS and NCLA, a non-profit, tax -exempt organization.

LRS GOALS: NCLA/LRS exists to provide access to legal services in the local communities which are not otherwise available. Many people cannot afford to pay the fees for full legal representation; others have difficulty locating an attorney qualified to serve their needs. LRS strives to match those in need of representation, advice, information or document preparation with skilled attorneys, who offer a no-charge consultation, and who may offer further services including, in certain cases, *pro bono* or limited scope representation at reduced cost. LRS also provides free information about the availability of alternative dispute resolution services [ADR], and legal resources such as Small Claims Court, the Public Law Center and Family Law Facilitator.

COST TO CLIENT: The processing fee for arranging an initial consultation is \$35. If client is unable to pay, the LRS Board may waive the fee upon completion of a standard form declaring financial hardship. After the consultation, if a client wishes to retain the attorney for further services, fee arrangements are determined solely by the client and attorney.

HISTORY: NCLA/LRS began in 1980, briefly closed in 2003 and re-opened January 1, 2005. Since then, customer surveys reveal an extremely high rate of client satisfaction with the referral service.

AREAS OF REFERRALS:

BANKRUPTCY

BUSINESS

CONSERVATORSHIPS

CONTRACT LAW

CRIMINAL LAW

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

GUARDIANSHIPS

ESTATE PLANNING

ELDER LAW

FAMILY LAW

GENERAL-CIVIL LITIGATION

IMMIGRATION

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

LANDLORD & TENANT

PROBATE LAW

PERSONAL INJURY

REAL ESTATE

SOCIAL SECURITY