

The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service was founded more than 65 years ago to be a public resource for competent, professional legal advice and services.

Today, the LRS makes referrals to experienced lawyers in several different areas of law, including the following:

Adoption Law  
Aviation Law  
Bankruptcy  
Church Law  
Civil Rights  
Civil Service  
Commodities  
Computer Law  
Condemnation Law  
Corporate Law  
Criminal Law  
Criminal-Juvenile Law  
Customs and International Trade Law  
Domestic Relations  
Election Law  
Entertainment Law  
Environmental Law  
Estate Planning and Trusts  
Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)  
Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)  
Federal and State Tax  
Franchise Law  
Health and Hospital Law  
Interstate Commerce  
Immigration and Naturalization  
Insurance Law  
Labor Law  
Legal Malpractice  
Medical Malpractice  
Mental Health  
Military Law  
Municipal Law  
Patent, Copyright and Trademark  
Pension Plans and Profit Sharing  
Personal Injury  
Real Estate  
Real Estate Tax  
Securities  
Sexual Abuse  
Social Security  
Unemployment Compensation  
Workers Compensation

The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service is one of few lawyer referral programs in the United States to meet American Bar Association standards.

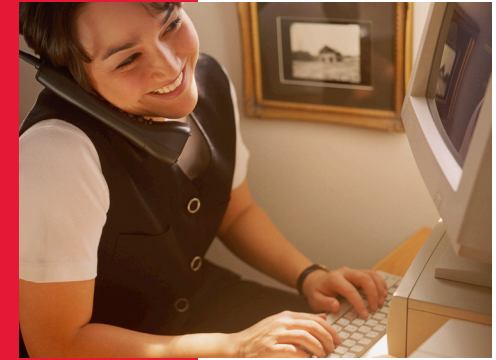


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# Finding the Right Lawyer



## The Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

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*A public service of The Chicago Bar Association  
since 1940.*

*Meets American Bar Association Standards for  
Lawyer Referral.*

*Spanish-speaking interviewers  
available.*



## THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE CAN HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT LAWYER

### WHEN YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT PERSONAL DECISION TO MAKE:

- Getting married or divorced
- Buying or selling property
- Planning your estate, will or trusts
- Choosing your retirement, pension or profit sharing options

### WHEN A LEGAL CRISIS DEVELOPS BECAUSE:

- You or a family member is arrested
- You or someone in your family is injured
- You are charged with a serious traffic offense
- You are being sued by someone
- You are denied workers' compensation or social security benefits without cause

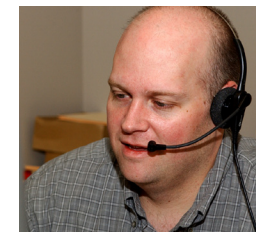
### WHEN YOU NEED LEGAL ADVICE OR SERVICES FOR YOUR NEW OR EXPANDING BUSINESS

- Establishing corporations or partnerships
- Preparing contracts or agreements
- Federal and state tax planning
- Collections
- Developing or buying a franchise



## HOW THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE WORKS

- Call the CBA Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) during our office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday at **312-554-2001**.
- Lawyer referrals are also available 24-hours a day through our Web site, **www.chicagobar.org**
- When you call our office, a LRS staff member will ask you a number of questions to discover whether your situation is appropriate for referral.
- If your situation meets our guidelines for a referral, you will receive the name and phone number of an experienced lawyer who practices in the appropriate area of law that you can contact. Or, if convenient, the interviewer can transfer your call directly to the lawyer's office.
- If you meet with the lawyer we refer to you, the lawyer will collect a \$30 fee at the initial consultation that goes toward the operating costs of the Lawyer Referral Service. Depending upon the complexity of the matter, the lawyer may also charge a consultation fee for their time and service.
- During or after your initial consultation with the lawyer, he or she will discuss with you the legal fees required to handle your case. There is no obligation on your part or the lawyer to go beyond the first initial telephone contact or meeting. ***The Lawyer Referral Service is not a low cost or pro bono service. Our lawyers charge regular rates.***



CBA Lawyer Referral Service lawyers are located in many areas throughout Chicago and the suburbs and speak a variety of foreign languages, including:

- Bohemian
- Bosnian
- Chinese
- Croatian
- French
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Japanese
- Lithuanian
- Romanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Yiddish

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