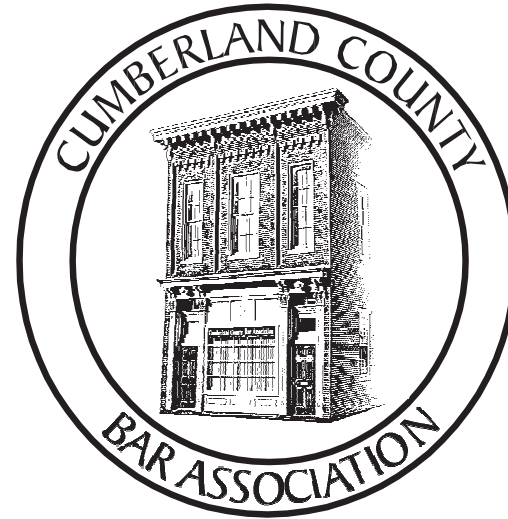


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Lawyer Referral Service

The Lawyer Referral Service was established by the Cumberland County Bar Association in 1997 to provide a much needed opportunity for individuals to obtain legal advice for a moderate fee. This effort is the result of recognition by the local bar association that legal counsel is a right guaranteed under our Constitution. The Lawyer Referral Service assists both the profession and the public. It provides clients with appropriate legal services and attorneys with an opportunity to build their law practice. The Lawyer Referral Service is available to anyone in the community who feels that they may need legal advice and to those who do not have a lawyer nor know how to go about finding one.



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How do you Find a Qualified Lawyer?

There are hundreds of 800 numbers, commercial directories and so-called service providers out there who claim to provide free solutions to your legal needs; however, none are more qualified than your local Bar Association. If you need a qualified lawyer in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, the Cumberland County Bar Association can help!



The Cumberland County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service has been serving the needs of the legal profession and community since 1997. Participating attorneys are required to be licensed and actively engaged in the practice of law in Pennsylvania. They must be in good standing with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and act in compliance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct. While our service does not directly employ attorneys or provide free legal advice, we would be pleased to match you with an attorney who is conveniently located and qualified to handle your specific legal matter. Furthermore, participating attorneys must be members in good standing of the Cumberland County Bar Association and agree to provide your initial consultation at a discounted rate.

How do you Receive a Lawyer Referral?

If you wish to speak to a lawyer, the Cumberland County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service can connect you with an attorney's office to schedule an initial consultation. The attorney's office will confirm the attorney you are scheduled to see, the office location along with the date and time of your appointment.

The attorneys who participate in this service have agreed to accept specific types of cases, grouped into various subject matter areas. Individual clients seeking assistance are referred to the next available attorney on our system in the appropriate area of law.

Attorneys are available in many legal areas —Administrative Law, Employment Law, Bankruptcy/Debtor/Creditor Relations, Business and Corporate Law, Commercial/Consumer Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, Insurance Law, Intellectual Property, Labor Law, Wills and Estates, Real Property and Tort, in addition to others.

If you would like a referral to a Cumberland County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service lawyer, call the Cumberland County Bar Association office at: 717-249-3166 (PA Toll-Free 1-800-990-9108) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and ask for the Lawyer Referral Service.

How much will a Referral Cost?

Under the LRS program, the first 30 minutes of the initial consultation with a referral attorney will cost you \$25.00. This is due at the time of the appointment.

During this time the lawyer will hear your problems and advise you. If your problem will require work beyond the first half hour, remember to ask for the lawyer's fees in writing.

You and the lawyer set the fee to be paid for services performed after the first half hour. The lawyer bases the fee on the time and type of work involved, the difficulty in solving the problem, and the needs of you, the client. Be sure you understand what the lawyer will do and how the fee will be determined..

You do not have to hire the lawyer after the initial consultation. Feel free to find a lawyer with whom you are comfortable. You have hired a lawyer when you agree to allow that attorney to do more legal work for you.

Our Lawyer Referral Service does not participate in fee arrangements which are made between the participating attorney and the prospective client, nor do we have any information regarding fees.

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What will the Lawyer Expect from the Prospective Client?

Be sure to bring all documents and information relating to your legal problem to the first meeting with your lawyer. This includes names, addresses, and telephone numbers of anyone involved in your case.

Be ready to give the lawyer all background information relating to the situation. You may want to prepare questions to ask the lawyer. Jotting down the important points connected with your case before you see an attorney can help you to explain your situation quickly and clearly and can save both time and money.

If you are delayed or unable to keep your appointment, call the attorney to reschedule your appointment.

