



To: All Dauphin County Bar Association Members

Date: February 21, 2023

From: James P. DeAngelo, Public Service Committee Chair

Re: Lawyer Referral Registration

It is time to register with the Dauphin County Bar Association (DCBA) Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) for inclusion on the attorney referral panels for April 2023 – March 2024. Attached are copies of the LRS rules and a registration form. Please complete the registration form and mail it to the DCBA by Monday, March 20, 2023, together with your check for your registration fee.

**Please note your 2023 dues must be paid by March 1, 2022 to participate.**

Beginning April 1, 2023, all referrals will be made from the new referral panels, so please register promptly. Our LRS is qualified as both a referral program and an information program for prospective clients. We have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for this program.

DCBA seeks to provide participating attorneys with high-quality referrals in an efficient and effective manner. Therefore, we continue to implement ABA recommendations related to LRS programs. Specifically, the registration fee allows you to participate on up to six referral panels. If you would like to participate on more referral panels, you can select additional panels for a fee of \$10 each. Additionally, a Modest Means Program has been formally developed to better manage requests for low-cost referrals. You can choose to participate in the Modest Means Program, for no additional cost, through the LRS registration form.

The LRS requires participating attorneys to grant an initial consultation (via phone or in person) of up to one-half hour to prospective clients referred by the LRS at no charge. After the consultation, please let DCBA know that the consultation has been provided and whether or not you have accepted the case. This can be done on the form that is emailed to you with a client referral.

LRS registration is **PER ATTORNEY, NOT PER FIRM.** REFERRALS SHALL NOT BE PASSED AMONG OR BETWEEN MEMBERS OF A FIRM. Only attorneys within a firm who are registered with DCBA's LRS may provide client consultations and accept referrals.

Thank you for participating in this program as it is another way the DCBA supports you as you grow your practice and assists citizens in our community with unmet legal needs.