# Membership Application

Please complete this form (front and back) and return to the State Bar of Montana along with a check or credit card information for the annual registration fee (see below). Please make payable to the State Bar of Montana.

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| **\_\_\_\_\_\_Free to attorneys in 1st year of practice**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_$125 if in practice for 5 years or less**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_$200 if in practice for over 5 years** | *State Bar Use:*  Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    Received by: |

Name: Telephone:

Firm Name: Website:

Mailing Address: E-mail:

*City State Zip Code*

Other Court(s) and State(s) where you are admitted to practice:

Other Languages spoken:

I would also like to receive referrals for the following cities or counties:

I understand and acknowledge the following:

* I am an attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Montana and will abide by the Rules of the Supreme Court and the Rules of Professional Conduct.
* I agree to charge clients a reasonable fee and, if my practice is to offer free initial consultations, I will maintain that policy for the LRIS referred clients.
* I will receive referred clients at the office listed above and personally will interview the client.
* I have and must maintain in force a Lawyers’ Professional Liability Insurance policy with minimum coverage of $100,000 per claim and $300,000 per year. (*Note: Please attach verification*).
* I will enter into a written Attorney Retainer Agreement that clearly identifies fees and costs associated with my representation.

*NOTE: The Montana Lawyer Referral & Information Service will suspend referrals for any panel member who is not a member in good standing as prescribed in Section 6, Article III, of the Rules of Operation of the Montana Lawyer Referral & Information Service.*

In addition to the above acknowledgments, I hereby certify that I am competent by virtue of experience, education and/or access to represent clients in the following selected fields of law (Please see fields of law on the back of this application).

signature of Applicant

Dated this day of , 20

**Attorney Profile:** *Attorney profiles appear on the website provided by the State Bar of Montana-* Please attach photo to this application or email to

**mhallinan@montanabar.org**

**Fields of Law for Referrals**

Adoption

Agricultural Law

Animal Law

Appellate

Arbitration/

Mediation

Banking Law

Bankruptcy

Business/Corporate

Law

Child Custody/

Support

Civil Litigation

Civil Rights

Collections

Commercial Law

Construction Law

Consumer

Contracts

Criminal Law

Dental Malpractice

Disability

Discrimination

divorce

domestic Violence

Drug Offenses

DUI

Elder Law Employee Benefits

Employment Law

Environmental Law

Estate Planning

Family Law

Finance

Franchise Law

Government

Grandparents’

Rights

Guardianship

Health Care

HIPAA

Immigration

Insurance

Investment/

securities

Labor Law

Landlord/ Tenant

Legal Malpractice

Limited Scope

Litigation

Mediation/

arbitration

Medical Malpractice

Medicare/ Medicaid

Mental Health Law

Military Law Motor Vehicle

Accidents

Municipal Law

Natural Resources

Patent

Personal Injury

Probate Administration

Product Liability

Professional Malpractice

Real Estate-Foreclosure

Real Estate-General

Sex Discrimination

Sexual Harassment

Slander/ Defamation

Social Security

Taxation

Trademark, Patents

& Copyrights

Traffic Violations

Transportation

Tribal Law

Trusts

Unemployment

Compensation

Veterans Issues

Water Rights

Wills

Workers Compensation

***Please return application and fee to:***

State Bar of Montana

PO Box 577

Helena, MT 59624

**MODEST MEANS: Would you be interested in learning more about referrals for reduced fee cases?**

* **Yes** *(Information will be mailed to you or you can contact the State Bar at 406-442-7660)*
* **No \*\***Clients are referred through Montana Legal Services after verifying they meet income guidelines. Areas of law are limited to civil cases with a set retainer and are typically billable at $60 per hour.