

HOUSING RIGHTS Legal Referral Panel Attorney Application

Name _____

Firm _____

Mailing Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail/website _____

Fax _____

Home Phone/cell _____

State Bar Member Number _____

Law School/Year of Graduation _____

1. Please indicate the counties in which you are able to see clients.

Alameda Contra Costa (If you have any other geographic limitations (i.e. particular city or region) indicate so here _____)

2. Please indicate which type of 'housing rights' issue(s) you would like to address through this Panel.

All types (please see #21 for Fair Housing)

Unlawful Detainers

Habitability

Eviction Defense

Other _____

3. Please describe your experience/training which has prepared you for assisting clients with the above listed issues. _____

4. Do you currently accept landlords or other residential property owners as clients? Yes No

If yes, what percentage of your practice is dedicated to serving landlords/residential housing providers?
_____.

5. Where are you employed? (Check one)

Solo Practitioner

Small Firm

Medium Firm

Large Firm

Government

Corporation

Other

6. Number of Years in current employment: _____

7. Description of Present Practice: _____

8. Previous Employers or Associations for the Last 10 Years (in reverse order, with dates and telephone numbers, attach resume or summary on separate sheet):

9. How did you find out about our Panel? _____

10. In order to broaden its community base and effectiveness, HRI is committed to recruiting volunteers of many ethnic backgrounds. What is your ethnicity or race? (Optional) _____

11. In what languages other than English are you proficient or fluent? _____

12. Is it your firm's policy to accept **only** indigent clients for pro bono work? ___Yes ___No

13. Are you licensed to practice law in the State of California? ___Yes ___No

14. Name and Telephone Number or Malpractice Insurance Carrier: _____

15. Have you ever been or are you currently being sued for malpractice? ___Yes ___No

16. Have you ever been suspended from practice or disbarred in any state? ___Yes ___No

17. Have you ever had or are there currently pending any state bar disciplinary proceedings against you?
___Yes ___No

18. Have you ever been disciplined, suspended or removed from any other Lawyer Referral Panel?
___Yes ___No

(If you answer "Yes" to question 13, 14, 15, or 16, please describe the circumstances in detail on an attached sheet.)

19. References: Please list the name, address and telephone number of two attorneys who know your work and would be willing to act as a reference for you. _____

20. Referrals: approximately how many could you accept of the following types in a year: _____

- ___ Pro bono
- ___ Contingency fee
- ___ Reduced fee

21. This panel exists to increase access for low and lower income individuals to quality legal services for housing related problems. At this time we have two sub-panels. One is for housing discrimination cases. And the second is for personal injury cases. Indicate below if you are interested in accepting such referrals.

Note: In order to accept cases, you must already have handled two cases in this area of law or have attended an HRI training. If you have other training that you believe qualifies as adequate for this specialty area, please describe the training below. The Governing Committee will review and contact you if they have any question.

_____ Please add me to the Housing Discrimination Sub-panel:

_____ **Please add me to the Personal Injury Sub-panel.**

_____ I have handled at least two such cases. **Experience:** Please list the case name, docket number, and court of any fair housing cases, civil rights cases, or other relevant cases you have litigated in the last 3 years (and indicate first chair or assisting).

_____ I have attended HRI sponsored training

_____ I have attended the following training which has prepared me for these cases:

(use back if necessary)

_____ I have arranged for the following attorney to serve as my 'mentor': _____

_____ I would like to accept housing discrimination cases. I would like to work with another more experience attorney on the panel.

I have read and am familiar with the HRI Legal Referral Panel's *Rules and Fee Protocol* and I agree to abide by them.

Signature/Date: _____

Please return application to:

HRI Legal Referral Panel, P.O. Box 12895, Berkeley, CA. 94712

Please note: Referrals will not be made until all paperwork has been completed and submitted and all fees are current.

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Application Received _____ Initials _____

Contacts: First _____ Second _____ Third _____

Approval date: _____ Legal Area _____ Initials: _____