

THE FLORIDA BAR LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Do you think you have a legal problem... and don't know an attorney? The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service can refer you to a local lawyer. The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service is a public service of the Florida Bar.

HOW THE FLORIDA BAR LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE WORKS FOR YOU

If you need a lawyer, call the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service **1-800-342-8011**. The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Your call will be answered by a lawyer referral staff member who will take your name, address and telephone number. You will be asked to state your problem briefly. Any information you give will be held in the strictest confidence.

Lawyer Referral Service staff will give you the name, address and telephone number of an attorney in your geographic area who handles the type of case you describe.

After the first meeting between you and the lawyer, it is up to you to decide whether to allow the lawyer to take action on your legal problem.

THE COST

The lawyer will charge you \$25.00 for the first half-hour meeting. You will have up to one-half hour to discuss your problem with the lawyer. You and the lawyer are under no obligation to go beyond the first meeting. The fee for any additional service should be arranged between you and the attorney during your first meeting.

The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service also operates a Low Fee Panel. You may ask for a lawyer who is on this panel. If you are financially eligible for this service, you will not be charged for the first half-hour meeting. The lawyer will then charge you a reduced fee for ongoing representation. Fee generating cases such as personal injury or malpractice cases are not included in this reduced fee program and are handled at the attorney's regular rate. Participating attorneys are encouraged to use a payment plan or another method of assisting the client in paying legal fees.

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

You may be eligible to be represented by the Public Defender if you are facing jail time of more than one year.

Miami-Dade County

If your criminal case is in Miami-Dade County contact:

The Miami-Dade County Public Defender
1320 NW 14th Street
Miami, Florida
(305) 545-1600

Monroe County

If your criminal case is in Monroe County contact:

The Monroe County Public Defender
524 Eaton Street
Key West, FL
(305) 292-3585 (Key West)
(305) 289-6015 (Marathon)

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