



The Center's Legal & Advocacy Program's Attorney Referral Service

Information for Attorneys

Thank you for your interest as an attorney in our referral service. The Center receives calls, emails and letters from individuals in Colorado among the gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender (GLBT) communities, and those living with HIV. In 2009, we responded to 333 legal helpline calls or other contacts. Most of these contacts do not have legal issues or problems that our program is able to address directly. The Center provides direct legal services in a limited number of cases of discrimination and unfair legal treatment based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV status. We focus our work primarily high impact cases. Generally, we take on these cases with the assistance of a pro bono cooperating attorney who practices in the specific field of law.

As a service to those who contact The Center with legal problems or issues, we often refer them to private attorneys or agencies. Examples of those types of contacts would involve individuals who need estate planning, landlord tenant issues, family law issues, criminal problems, employment & labor, personal injury and torts, bankruptcy, and the like.

A referral does not constitute an endorsement of the attorney's services. This is a courtesy service only that puts people in contact with attorneys who are sympathetic to the concerns of GLBT people and those with HIV. Because of the ongoing oppression faced by these groups, many of those who contact The Center are concerned that they may be treated differently or unfairly when requesting legal services. The Center's referral attorneys thus play an important role in ensuring that the legal needs of people who have too often been marginalized are better served in Colorado.

We do not inform those who contact us that any referral attorney "specializes" in a particular area of practice. Instead, we state that our referral attorneys practice regularly in the particular area(s) they have listed with The Center. Each individual is typically referred to a minimum of three attorneys in the vicinity of where they reside. The Center also informs individuals that any agreement for legal services, and the amount of fees charged, are matters negotiated solely between the attorney and themselves. The Center does not involve itself in the terms of representation or guarantee the attorney's services. If you indicate that you accept pro bono clients or will make arrangements for reduced fees on a sliding scale for low-income clients, however, we will provide that information to callers.

There is no fee for listing as a referral attorney.

The only requirements are as follows:

- The attorney must be a member of the Colorado bar with no restrictions to practice law in Colorado.
- The attorney's firm must carry legal malpractice insurance to cover the attorney's services.
- The attorney must keep The Center informed of the attorney's current practice areas, contact information (including a current email address), and any changes in licensure status or firm association.
- You do not have to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender to participate on the referral list. In fact, many of our referral attorneys are not GLBT themselves. Nevertheless, participation as a referral attorney assumes that you are sympathetic to the concerns of the communities that The Center serves, and that you will treat GLBT clients with dignity and respect.

For more information, please contact The Legal Helpline at 303-282-6524 or legal@glbtcOLORADO.org

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The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of Colorado

Attorney Referral List – Attorney Registration Form

Name: _____
Law Firm: _____
Address: _____
Work phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____ Website: _____
Year licensed to Practice Law in Colorado: _____ Other States Licensed: _____

Do you have attorney liability insurance? Yes ____ No ____

Practice areas (check all that apply):

Alternative Dispute Resolution	_____	Housing & Landlord/Tenant	_____
Bankruptcy	_____	Immigration	_____
Business Law & Contracts	_____	Intellectual Property Law	_____
Civil Rights & Constitutional Law	_____	Juvenile Law	_____
Criminal Defense	_____	Military	_____
Disability & Social Security	_____	Prisons and Jails	_____
Domestic Relations & Family	_____	Personal Injury & Torts	_____
Elder Law	_____	Property Law	_____
Education Law	_____	Tax Law	_____
Employment & Labor Law	_____	Transgender Law	_____
Government & Administrative Law	_____	Wills and Estates	_____
Health Care Law	_____		

Other practice areas: _____

I am interested in serving as a pro bono cooperating attorney on discrimination cases. Yes ____ No ____

I represent selected low-income clients on a pro bono basis. Yes ____ No ____

My firm has a sliding scale fee schedule for low-income clients. Yes ____ No ____

- I certify that I am currently licensed to practice law in Colorado and that my firm carries legal malpractice insurance.
- I agree to keep The Center informed as to any changes in my attorney status, contact information, or practice areas.

Date

Attorney Signature

Please return this form to:
The Center's Legal & Advocacy Program
1301 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80218
or fax it to 303-282-9399 or email it to legal@glbtcolorado.org

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