Dauphin County BAR ASSOCIATION

Return completed form to: Dauphin County Bar Association Modest Means Panel, 3401 North Front Street, Suite 100, Harrisburg, PA 17110 OR EMAIL: LRS@dcba-pa.org..
Questions? Call 717.232.7536, option 2.

Full name _____ Number of adults in your household* (HH) _____ No. of children in HH ____
* *Household* includes people who live in the home with you and share income and expenses.

Address _____ City/state/zip_____ Phone_____

Email_____ Alternate phone *(anyone who can reach you)*_____

***Please attach proof** of all household income below. Block out sensitive information such as your SSN or account numbers. Include your wages, benefits, and other income such as child support, self-employment, Social Security/SSDI, worker's compensation and veteran's benefits.*				
Monthly GROSS Income (Before Taxes Are Withheld)	**Self**	**Spouse/Significant Other/Partner**	**Other household members**	**TOTAL**
Wages / self-employment				
Unemployment compensation				
Child support / spousal support				
Social security / welfare / veterans' benefits / workers' compensation				
Retirement / pension				
Other (e.g., gifts, loans, eBay sales, odd jobs, rental property) Source: _____				
TOTAL				
ASSETS *Please attach proof of all household assets below. Block out sensitive information such as your SSN or bank account #s.*				
Checking / savings bank accounts				
Stocks, bonds, or certificates of deposit				
Retirement accounts				
Investment accounts				
TOTAL				
REAL ESTATE (INCLUDING HOME YOU LIVE IN)				
Estimated value (Zillow.com)				
Loan balance due				
Equity (= Value - Balance Due)				

Issue *(circle one)*: Custody *(Conciliation Conference only)*, Divorce, Family Law, Support

Brief description of legal problem _____

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Opposing party's name _____ Name of opposing attorney (if any): _____

Court name/location (if known) _____ Deadlines / court dates? _____

Please list attorneys you have already contacted_____

✓ Submitting your application does NOT automatically make you a client, and does NOT create an attorney-client relationship between you and DCBA, its employees, directors, officers, or members.

I certify that (1) I understand that submitting my application does not create an attorney-client relationship and (2) the information on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Dauphin County Bar Association
Modest Means Referral Service Application

The Dauphin County Bar Association's (DCBA) Modest Means Program helps people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services, but too low to pay a lawyer's regular rate.

When we receive your completed application and documentation, if you are eligible, we will try to refer you to an attorney who has agreed to consider certain cases at a reduced rate. However, **referrals are not always possible and are NOT guaranteed.**

If the attorney agrees to take your case and you want to hire that attorney, you agree to:

1. Give the attorney a retainer or deposit of **$500 upfront** (The retainer amount may vary with the complexity of the case),
2. Pay the attorney at the rate of **$50 per hour**, and
3. Pay any filing fees and **other expenses** (e.g., postage, copies of records, certified mail, etc.).

The Modest Means Referral Service accepts applications for legal help, but **only at the trial level**, for Contract Disputes, Custody *(Conciliation Conference only)*, Debt Collections (Debtor), Family Law, Real Estate (not rental issues), Support, Tax (Individual). The Modest Means Referral Service **does not accept cases that are on appeal**. Additionally, the Modest Means Referral Service accepts applications for legal help with custody actions at the Conciliation Conference. Applications are not accepted for other custody hearings or trial.

To apply

1. Complete the application form.

2. **Attach copies of your income and assets documentation**. Include proof of all household wages, child support, and benefits such as Social Security, SSI, worker's compensation, unemployment or VA benefits and all household assets. Block out sensitive information such as your Social Security number or bank account numbers. **YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL ALL PROOF OF INCOME AND ASSETS IS SUBMITTED.**

3. Send the application and proof of your household income and assets to:
   Dauphin County Bar Association
   Modest Means Panel
   3401 North Front Street, Suite 100
   Harrisburg, PA 17110
   Or email to: LRS@dcba-pa.org

If you have questions about the application, please call our office at 717.232.7536, option 2. For more information go to https//www.dcba-pa.org/community-programs/lawyer-referral-services.aspx.

Your eligibility for this program is determined by qualifications that include household income. To be eligible, your application must demonstrate that you have the ability to pay the $500 retainer and $50 per hour.

Within 10 business days of receipt of your fully completed application and required documentation, we will notify you either by email, phone, or mail whether we will be able to provide an attorney for you. If you qualify, we will provide you with the attorney's information at that time. Afterward, you must contact the attorney to schedule the initial consultation and bring the required $500 deposit, if you wish to hire the attorney.