

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

STATE BAR OF NEVADA

EXPERIENCE PANELS

The State Bar of Nevada’s Lawyer Referral Service has identified four practice areas which require advanced practice skills. To receive client referrals in these practice areas through the Lawyer Referral Service, attorneys must demonstrate they have prior experience specific to these areas of law. They include:

Bankruptcy

- Panel A: Debtor Consumer Bankruptcy Panel (Chapters 7, 12, 13)
- Panel B: Debtor Business Bankruptcy (Chapter 11)
- Panel C: Debtor Litigation
- Panel D: Creditor Representation

Criminal Law

- Category A and B Felonies

Family Law – Category A

- Contested Custody
- Contested Divorce
- Child Protective Services
- Termination of Parental Rights
- Prenuptial Agreements
- Property Settlements (Assets over \$25,000)
- Adoption (non-familial)
- Appeals
- Parental Kidnapping
- Contested Guardianship

Wrongful Death, Medical Malpractice, Products Liability (All)

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN EXPERIENCE PANEL

When completing your online Lawyer Referral Service Panel Member Application, check the LRIS Experience Panel box. From there, you may select which experience panels for which you would like to apply. You will be required to provide examples of client matters and work performed. *(See the next page for examples.)*

LRIS Member Application

LRIS Panels

I would like to serve on the: (check all that apply) *

- LRIS Panel (standard)
- LRIS Modest Means Panel
- LRIS Experience Panel(s)

You may also apply to serve on any of the standard Lawyer Referral panels as part of your Experience Panel application.

Experience Panel applications are reviewed and approved at the discretion of the LRIS Committee.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I NEED TO PROVIDE?

Each Experience Panel application comes with different requirements. **Please read carefully and have this information available prior to applying.**

BANKRUPTCY EXPERIENCE PANEL

- An attorney who is a board-certified specialist in bankruptcy in accordance with NRPC 7.4 is deemed qualified to serve on any bankruptcy experience panel. Alternatively, an attorney may demonstrate experience as defined below.
- All bankruptcy Experience Panel members must attest to having completed at least six hours of CLE in bankruptcy matters within the past three years.

Experience Alternatives

Panel A: Debtor Consumer Bankruptcy Panel (Chapters 7, 12, 13)

Experience representing debtors in **five** Chapter 7 cases from Filing to Discharge and/or Chapter 13 cases from Filing to Confirmation of Plan within 24 months prior to submitting the application for the experience panel. For each of the five cases, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Filing; and (4) Date of Discharge/Confirmation of Plan.

Panel B: Debtor Business Bankruptcy (Chapter 11)

Experience representing debtors in **two** Chapter 11 cases from Filing to Confirmation of Plan. For each of the two cases, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Filing; and (4) Date of Confirmation of Plan.

Panel C: Debtor Litigation

Experience representing debtors in **three** adversary matters in the 36 months prior to submitting the application for the experience panel. For each of the three matters, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Filing; and (4) Date of Verdict.

Panel D: Creditor Representation

Experience representing creditors in **five** matters from the among the following five categories:

- (a) Relief from Stay
- (b) Objection to Dischargeability
- (c) Objection to Discharge
- (d) Fraudulent Conveyance Action
- (e) Preference Action

For each of the five matters, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Filing; and (4) Date of Completion and (5) Category.

CRIMINAL LAW EXPERIENCE PANEL

- An attorney who is Supreme Court Rule 250 Death Penalty Qualified or a board-certified specialist in criminal law in accordance with NRPC 7.4 is deemed qualified to serve on any criminal law experience panel. Alternatively, an attorney may demonstrate experience as defined below.
- All criminal law Experience Panel members must attest to having completed at least six hours of CLE in felony criminal law matters within the past three years.

Experience Alternatives

There are five categories of criminal law experience listed below. You may satisfy the experience requirement by having completed all examples listed in one category or through a combination of examples from among the five categories.

Category 1: Experience preparing all legal work, including the preparation of all legal documents, and having served as lead counsel in **ten** felony preliminary hearings within the last three years. For each matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Hearing; and (4) Description of Matter.

Category 2: Experience preparing all legal work, including the preparation of all legal documents, and having served as lead counsel in **ten** felony arraignments and sentencings within the last three years. For each matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Sentencing or Arraignment; and (4) Description of Matter.

Category 3: Experience filing and arguing **three** pre-trial petitions for writ of habeas corpus at the District Court level within the last three years. For each matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Argument; and (4) Description of Matter.

Category 4: Experience completing **two** felony jury trials. For each matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Verdict; and (4) Description of Matter.

Category 5: Experience preparing **one** felony appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court within the last three years, either fast track or full appeal. For this matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Appeal; and (4) Description of Matter.

FAMILY LAW EXPERIENCE PANEL

- An attorney who is a board-certified specialist in family law in accordance with NRPC 7.4 is deemed qualified to serve on any family law experience panel. Alternatively, an attorney may demonstrate experience as defined below.
- All family law Experience Panel members must attest to having completed at least six hours of CLE in family law matters within the past three years.

Experience Alternative

1. Admission to practice in Nevada for at least five years; AND
2. Completion of **three** trials or contested cases on any of the Category A cases (see page 1) during the past five years. For each matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Filing; (4) Date of Completion; and (5) Category A Case Type.

WRONGFUL DEATH, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, PRODUCTS LIABILITY EXPERIENCE PANEL

- An attorney who is a board-certified specialist in personal injury litigation in accordance with NRPC 7.4 is deemed qualified to serve on this experience panel. Alternatively, an attorney may demonstrate experience as defined below.
- All criminal law Experience Panel members must attest to having completed at least six hours of CLE within the past three years in the following categories:
 - o Three hours in personal injury practice in one or more of the following areas: wrongful death; medical malpractice or products liability.
 - o Three hours in any litigation related area such as discovery, motion practice or trial practice.

Experience Alternative

- Experience preparing or supervising the preparation of all legal work, including the preparation of all legal documents, and having served as lead counsel in not less than **three** jury trials related to wrongful death, medical malpractice or products liability, to judgment. For each matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Verdict; (4) Description of Matter; and (5) Description of Work Performed.

OR

- Experience preparing and trying **one** jury trial related to wrongful death, medical malpractice or products liability, to judgment **and three** additional jury trials similar to the type identified on the panel. For each matter, you must provide: (1) Case Name; (2) Court and Case Number; (3) Date of Verdict; (4) Description of Matter; and (5) Description of Work Performed.