

The ISTA/NEA Attorney Referral Program

For over 150 years, NEA members have come to rely on their Association for support and service in a wide variety of areas. The commitment to service and quality continues today.

The Attorney Referral Program provides members with legal advice on personal matters. Each eligible member is entitled to *two 30 minute* consultation sessions free during each membership year. And if you need additional legal help, NEA's Attorney Referral Program lets you get that help at rates below participating attorneys' usual fees.

Clear Evidence—ISTA/NEA Delivers for Members

ISTA/NEA has for many years provided members full legal protection in employment-related matters. But in today's complex world, simply having legal help for employment-related matters isn't enough. At one time or another, each of us needs legal counsel on personal matters that are important to us and our families.

That's why NEA created the NEA Attorney Referral Program. This unique program is designed to make sure that every NEA member in participating states has access to affordable legal advice.

Who Can Participate

The Attorney Referral Program is open to any active, life, support or retired members and the member's spouse and dependent children.

Participating Attorneys

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What the Program Provides

ISTA/NEA have identified attorneys throughout the state who have agreed to handle certain personal matters at a substantially reduced rate.

During any membership year (*from September 1 to August 31*), eligible members are entitled to *two, free 30-minute* consultation sessions with any of the Association-approved attorneys. During the *two free sessions*, you may discuss any legal matter except income tax preparation.

In addition to these free consultations, members may have specific legal work performed in five “*core*” areas at a 30 percent reduction of that attorney’s normal fee.

ISTA/NEA is committed to making sure that qualified and competent attorneys participate in the Attorney Referral Program.

Before an attorney can become a part of the program, they must be approved by both the ISTA and NEA. They must agree to provide service to members at times that are convenient to members—times outside the normal working day.

Participating attorneys must agree to discuss fees before they render services. And they must be willing to accept payment of their fees by some installment payment plan. In some cases, that may even include credit cards.

The ISTA/NEA Attorney Referral Program — designed to deliver for Association members.

The “Core” Areas

Here are the five “core” areas of personal legal service for coverage under the ISTA/NEA Attorney Referral Program.

WILLS & ESTATES

At a 30 percent discount rate, you can have a participating attorney prepare your will, assist with estate planning, provide legal assistance if you are named the executor or administrator of an estate, or offer legal counsel in guardianship proceedings.

REAL ESTATE

Participating attorneys will provide assistance with the purchase or sale of residential property, disputes with landlords, property line controversies and problems with zoning laws or land use regulations.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Representation in proceedings for annulment, divorce, separation, alimony, custody, child support, guardianship, adoption, paternity, and name changes—all are covered under the discounted rate.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Participating attorneys will provide assistance at the discounted fee for disputes with creditors or finance agencies and proceedings with retailers concerning defective merchandise.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

You can receive legal representation, at the discounted rate to handle charges of operating under the influence, reckless driving, or other offenses involving the potential loss of license, a jail sentence and financial liability in excess of \$50.

And, remember, if you are an eligible member, your spouse and dependent children may also receive the Attorney Referral Program discount rates from participating attorneys upon request.

What Isn’t Covered

While ISTA/NEA provide additional programs to help with job-related problems, the Attorney Referral Program covers almost every type of personal legal problem you might face. There are, however a few areas where participating attorneys are not required to give members the 30 percent discount.

Problems such as business dealings, bankruptcies and preparation of defense in Internal Revenue Service income tax matters are not covered under the 30 percent discount.

The 30 percent discount also does not apply to the defense of criminal violations, other than traffic violations, in which financial liability exceeds \$50.

Participating attorneys are not permitted to represent a member in any matter in which the adverse party is the ISTA, NEA or affiliate, or another Association member — except in separation or divorce proceedings.

And, or course, court costs, filing and service fees and attorney out-of-pocket expenses are not automatically covered.

It’s also important to note that if you obtain your own attorney, you won’t receive the discount rate, even if that attorney later becomes a participant in the program.

How You Can Take Advantage Of This Member Service Program

Contact your UniServ Office for additional information.

When contact is made with an attorney, you will need to identify yourself as an ISTA/NEA member.

Remember, discuss the fees you will be charged before the session begins with the attorney.

The free consultation benefit allows you to discuss your problem with an attorney to determine whether you need additional legal services. Do not expect the attorney to draft or review documents during a consultation. If you ask the attorney to provide additional services, such as preparing a will, you will be billed at discounted program rates.