

The NEA/KNEA Attorney Referral Program

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

The NEA/KNEA Attorney Referral Program (ARP) provides members with legal advice on personal matters. Each eligible member is entitled to two free 30-minute consultation sessions during each calendar year. If you need additional legal help, the NEA/KNEA ARP lets you get that help at rates below participating attorneys' usual fees.

Protection Beyond Job-Related Matters

NEA/KNEA has provided members legal protection in employment-related matters for many years. 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/KNEA created the NEA/KNEA ARP. This unique program is designed to make sure that every NEA/KNEA member has access to affordable legal advice.

Who Can Participate

NEA/KNEA members in all membership categories (along with their spouses, domestic partners, and dependent children) are eligible for the NEA/KNEA ARP benefit. If you have a legal issue outside of your state of residence, you can contact a participating attorney in the state where the legal matter resides.

What the Program Provides

Your national and state Associations have identified attorneys throughout the state who have agreed to handle certain personal legal matters at a substantially reduced rate.

During any calendar year, eligible members are entitled to two free 30-minute consultation sessions with any of these Association-approved attorneys. During the two free sessions, you may discuss any legal matter except income tax preparation.

In addition, members may have specific legal work performed in five "core" areas at a 30 percent reduction of participating attorneys' normal rates.

NEA/KNEA is committed to making sure that qualified and competent attorneys participate in the NEA/KNEA ARP. Before any attorneys can become a part of the program, they must be approved by both the NEA and KNEA. Also, 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. They must be willing to accept payment of their fees by installment payment plan or by credit card. **Always ask about fees prior to engaging the attorney to do any legal work.**

The "Core" Areas

NEA/KNEA has identified five "core" areas of personal legal service for coverage under the NEA/KNEA ARP. The five "core" areas are (1) Wills and Estates; (2) Real Estate; (3) Domestic Relations; (4) Consumer Protection; and (5) Traffic Violations. Below are some examples of these services.

WILLS AND 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

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 dissolution, annulment, divorce, separation, alimony, custody, child support, guardianship, adoption, paternity, and name change.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Assistance for disputes with creditors or finance agencies, proceedings with retailers concerning defective merchandise and bankruptcy.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Representation to handle charges of operating under the influence, reckless driving, or other offenses involving the potential loss of license, a jail sentence, or financial liability in excess of \$500.

Remember, at your request your spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children may also receive the NEA/KNEA ARP discounted rate from any participating attorney.