

# Do You Need a Lawyer?



If you need a lawyer, the NEA provides WEA/NEA members with the services of an attorney at a discounted hourly rate. The Attorney Referral Program (ARP) is a service provided to NEA members (active, life, educational support or retired, and their spouses) who need services of an attorney on personal legal matters, (i.e. not employment related – we have other lawyers for those purposes!)

Participating attorneys provide each member with two free 30-minute consultation sessions during each year of the program (September 1 through August 31). This benefit allows you to discuss a 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. It is important to discuss any fee arrangements at your initial meeting.

If your problem falls into any of the areas listed below, the attorney's fees are discounted 30%.

1. Real estate matters
2. Wills and estates
3. Domestic relations
4. Consumer protection
5. Traffic violations (includes DWI citations)

You may discuss almost any subject during one of your 30 minute conference. Certain matters, however, are excluded from the 30% discount for services rendered: a member's business dealings, preparation of income tax returns, bankruptcies, or defense of criminal violations (other than traffic). The participating attorney will not represent a member in a suit against another member, the NEA, NEA affiliate, or a UniServ Council. The exception to this is an attorney may represent you in a separation or dissolution of marriage if your spouse is also a member.

Upon your initial visit to the attorney's office, you must present some evidence of NEA membership. Payment for all legal fees is the sole responsibility of the member. The participating law firm is as follows:

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