

# Build your practice while doing your part to expand representation to more Minnesotans.

Every year, thousands of Minnesotans struggle to find representation in domestic matters. This is an untapped market you can connect with by joining the Statewide Low Fee Family Law Project.



## STATEWIDE LOW FEE FAMILY LAW PROJECT

**A collaboration between the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Hennepin County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service**

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Statewide Low Fee Family Law Project is part of the Hennepin County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS), providing reduced fee family law services to the "working poor." Clients are individuals who are not financially eligible for pro bono legal services, yet cannot afford the services of a private attorney. The project serves clients throughout the state of Minnesota.

### CLIENT ELIGIBILITY AND ADMINISTRATION

LRIS staff members screen clients by phone for initial financial eligibility. In order to qualify for services, potential clients are currently employed or on Social Security and have an income source that falls between 125-250% of the federal guidelines. Clients pay a billable rate of \$55 per hour. There is a required retainer of \$500, with a \$30 administrative fee paid by the client.

### WHY PARTICIPATE?

Attorneys can build their practices through the project. We encourage participation by attorneys interested in expanding their practice to include alternative fee arrangements. In particular, the project seeks to expand the number of attorneys providing unbundled (or limited scope) legal services. Numerous resources exist to help attorneys build unbundled practice into their service mix. For more information, including sample billing and retainer forms, please check the MSBA website at: [www.mnbar.org/unbundled](http://www.mnbar.org/unbundled)

### RECEIVE NEW BUSINESS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- Separation or Divorce
- Child Custody and Parenting Time
- Paternity and Child Support
- Domestic Abuse & Orders for Protection
- Post Decree issues

### JOIN THE PROJECT

Attorneys can contact Dana Rindahl by email at [dana@hcba.org](mailto:dana@hcba.org) or call 612-752-6627 for additional information about how to apply.