

Modest Means Survey

The State Bar of Montana, in conjunction with the Montana Legal Services Association, is currently exploring the implementation of a Modest Means Program to make legal services available to lower income individuals who are ineligible for legal aid but unable to afford regular attorney fees. The program will serve those with an income below 250% of poverty and clients are to be screened for eligibility by MLSA. Attorneys are needed to serve on Modest Means Panels to offer services at reduced rates. Please respond to the following inquiries as completely and accurately as possible. Thank you for participating.

1. Are you currently a member of the Lawyer Referral Service? Yes No

2. Have you provided direct legal assistance without expectation of fee to low income clients within the past year (pro bono services)? Yes No

If yes, how many hours? _____

3. Have you offered legal assistance at a substantially reduced fee to persons of limited means within the past year? Yes No

If yes, how many hours at reduced fees? _____

If yes, in which area(s) of law? _____

If yes, how do you determine which clients are eligible for this service? _____

4. In which area(s) of law do you specialize? _____

5. Would you be interested in joining a Modest Means Panel? Yes No

If no, why not? _____

6. Would you be interested in joining if incentives are offered? Yes No

If yes, which of the following appeals to you? (Mark all that apply.)

_____ Free training

_____ Reduced Lawyer Referral Service membership fee

_____ Free access to high quality practice materials

_____ Malpractice insurance coverage provided by Montana Legal Services

_____ Other: _____

Please use the following space to express any additional comments:

If you have indicated interest and would like to be contacted regarding a Modest Means Panel, please provide your contact information below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

You may also contact me at the information below with any further questions or comments:

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Thank you again for your participation.