



# Family Legal Plan

## Member Guidebook

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Welcome and thank you for joining Legal Club's Family Legal Plan! Please read this booklet carefully, as it contains all the benefits of membership provided by our plan specialists. For the most up-to-date information please refer to [legalclub.com](http://legalclub.com).

**To access your plan benefits,  
or for questions about your membership call**

**(800) 305-6816**



### ***ACTION REQUIRED!***

**Some benefits can only be accessed online.  
To complete your account activation visit**

**[legalclub.com](http://legalclub.com)**

When logging in for the first time, click [Member Login](#) on the top right of the website then click the "Activate" button:

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## SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY & PLAN USAGE

### *Eligibility*

All eligible members may take advantage of this program's benefits and services. See the definitions in Section 3 for a complete description of "Eligible Family Members".

### *To Receive a Plan Attorney Referral*

Contact Legal Club's Member Services Department (MSD) at **(800) 305-6816 8:00 am to 8:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday**. There is no limit to the number of attorney referrals you may receive.

When contacting MSD, a Service Advocate (SA) will ask you to identify yourself and the method by which you became affiliated with Legal Club.

If you are calling for an attorney referral, the SA will ask you to briefly describe your legal issue, for the purpose of referring you to a plan attorney that practices the appropriate area of law, speaks your language and is conveniently located.

If the appropriate plan attorney can not be immediately provided, the SA will escalate your issue to a Manager. In some situations this additional step is appropriate to help ensure the best possible referral. For example, your particular need may require additional review or we may need to confirm certain information with a specific plan attorney or participating law firm. A Manager will contact you to ensure you are provided the best available referral.

### *Contacting Plan Attorneys*

When contacting a plan attorney identify yourself as a Legal Club member. If for any reason the plan attorney is unable to assist you please call MSD for another referral.

Plan attorneys may be out of the office, or otherwise attending to their existing clients. Therefore, please allow up to 3 business days for the plan attorney to respond to your call(s).

## SECTION 2: PLAN BENEFITS

### *Legal Services*

Access to a nationwide network of plan attorneys that have contracted with Legal Club to provide free and discounted legal services. Upon contacting the Member Services Department, you will be referred to a plan attorney based on language, area of law, and location.

### *Benefit Features*

#### *Free Legal Services\**

The following nine services are available at no charge from your plan attorney.

- Initial phone consultations for each new matter (no time limit).
- Initial face-to-face consultations for new legal matter (no time limit).
- Review of independent legal documents (six page maximum per document, no limit to the number of new independent documents).
- Plan attorneys will prepare a free Simple Will for you and your family, as well as update the Will annually for free. (See definition of Simple Will in Section 3).
- A state specific, web based, free Living Will form is available to Members. This form can be notarized by a Notary Public. Store this document in a safe location.
- Plan attorneys will help Members represent themselves in small claims court.
- Assistance in solving problems with government programs, such as INS and Welfare.
- When deemed appropriate by your plan attorney, he or she will write letters on your behalf (one letter per legal matter, with no limit on the number of new legal matters).
- When deemed appropriate by your plan attorney, he or she will make phone calls on your behalf (one phone call per legal matter, with no limit on the number of new legal matters).

\* In certain situations, attorney liability may require plan attorneys to ask for a retainer from the member prior to providing some of the free legal services.

#### *Reduced Hourly Rate*

Plan attorneys have contracted to charge 40% off their normal hourly rate, with a minimum of \$125 per hour, for legal care beyond the free and discounted services.

## SECTION 2: PLAN BENEFITS

### *Deeply Discounted Legal Services*

The following are commonly used legal services for which plan attorneys have agreed to charge a one-time, deeply discounted fee.

<b>Legal Service</b>	<b>Member Rate</b>	<b>Non-Member Rate</b>
Simple Will with Minor's Trust	\$ 300.00	\$ 580.00
Chapter 7 Bankruptcy	\$ 995.00	\$ 1,800.00
Non-Payment of Court Ordered Support	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,000.00
Uncontested Divorce	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Small Business Incorporation	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,000.00
Residential Real Estate Document Review	\$ 350.00	\$ 775.00
Traffic Ticket Defense	\$ 89.00	\$ 199.00

The fees listed above are only for legal services rendered. Court costs, filing fees, administrative expenses and time charged for travel to and from any courts are additional. Detailed legal services definitions can be found in Section 3 of this guidebook. For the most up-to-date information and definitions please refer to [legalclub.com](http://legalclub.com).

### *Retainers*

In the case of extended legal care, plan attorneys may ask you for a retainer. Any retainer sought will be computed by multiplying the number of hours a plan attorney believes a case will take, by the appropriate discounted hourly plan rate. For instance; 10 hours x \$125.00 = a retainer of \$1,250.00. Any unused portion of the retainer will be returned to you.

### *Contingency Fee Discounts*

The contingency fee discount will be a 10% reduction of the state maximum rate or the attorney's usual rate, whichever is lower.

### *Online Forms*

Access to a wide-ranging selection of free self-service forms that may be downloaded and completed to create legally valid documents. Forms are state specific and include:

- Last Will and Testament
- Leases
- Bill of Sale
- Advance Health Care Directive/Living Will
- Landlord/Tenant Agreements
- Power of Attorney

In addition to a comprehensive inventory of free forms, you may purchase and download a vast array of self-service forms from our catalog at a substantially discounted price.

## SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS & MISC. INFORMATION

### *DEFINITIONS*

**BANKRUPTCY CHAPTER 7:** Includes preparation of the petition, documents and scheduling of a 341 hearing.

To qualify for this special rate, income cannot exceed the state's median income in which the bankruptcy is being filed. In situations where income is greater than the state's median income, all bankruptcy work will be done at the applicable reduced hourly rate.

Court costs, filing fees, and other costs such as attorney travel are additional. Court appearances by a plan attorney will be billed at the applicable reduced hourly rate.

**DIVORCE (UNCONTESTED):** Plan attorney will consult to determine if matter qualifies as an Uncontested Divorce. This service includes review, preparation and filing of any documents and/or petitions necessary for an uncontested divorce.

To qualify for an uncontested divorce, spouse is not represented by separate counsel, there are no children under age 18 (or dependent children of any age), marital assets are less than \$70,000, and all issues must be agreed upon by both parties using the same attorney.

This fee does not include court appearances, attendance at mediations, court costs, filing fees, attorney travel time to and from court or the preparation of documents affecting the disposition of property. All work that does not meet this definition will be billed at the applicable reduced hourly rate.

**ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS:** Includes spouse or domestic partner, dependent children and any categorically dependent individuals living in the plan member's home such as a parent or grandparent.

**NON-PAYMENT OF COURT ORDERED SUPPORT:** In previously court ordered support issues, if the individual ordered to comply with the court order is not complying resulting in non-payment of support, whether child support or spousal support, this service includes preparation of the motion and the affidavit.

This fee does not include establishing a support order, court appearances, attendance at mediations, court costs, filing fees, or attorney travel time to and from court. All work that does not meet this definition will be billed at the applicable reduced hourly rate.



## SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS & MISC. INFORMATION

**PLAN/PARTICIPATING ATTORNEYS:** Must be licensed and qualified to practice law in their state, maintain professional liability insurance if required by their state, and have contracted with Legal Club to provide legal services as outlined in this Plan Member Guidebook for the law areas that they handle and the cases they accept.

**PLAN MEMBER:** Any person who has purchased a Legal Club membership and is current with payments.

**RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE DOCUMENT REVIEW:** Includes attorney review of purchase or sales agreement, review of documents prepared by licensed real estate agent or broker (disclosure, title policy, liens, inspection reports, closing cost estimates and statements, etc.), and presentation of detailed guidelines of the closing process for primary residential real estate not used for business or investment purposes.

Any additional work or extended counseling will be billed at the applicable reduced hourly rate.

**SIMPLE WILL (NO CHARGE WILL):** A will that distributes personal property and homestead, not involving trusts, specific bequests, real estate, tax matters, guardianships, living wills, health care proxies or partitions.

**SIMPLE WILL WITH MINOR'S TRUST:** Includes preparation of a simple will with a minor's trust for the surviving minor children.

This document will contain information necessary for the creation of a trust in the event that any minor children have not attained the age of majority at the time of death or administration of the estate of the plan member. In such event, the purpose of such trust is to allow the member to designate a trustee to manage the share of the property and assets left to such children, for the benefit of those children, until such time as they have attained the age of majority.

This fee does not cover extensive information regarding retirement plans, investments and their tax treatment, other kinds of trusts, complex tax matters, or estate planning. Counsel for these additional areas of law will be billed at the applicable reduced hourly rate.

## SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS & MISC. INFORMATION

**SMALL BUSINESS INCORPORATION:** Includes attorney consultation to discuss and address the type of business entity recommended by plan member's CPA or tax advisor. Should the member choose to set up a Corporation or Limited Liability Company (LLC), this service includes preparation of the necessary documents (Articles of Incorporation if setting up a corporation, or the Articles of Organization if setting up an LLC) for filing with the appropriate agency in their state. This also includes review of the prepared filing of a 1120s election form and SS-4 application for the Federal identification number prepared by the CPA or tax advisor. Any extended work for the new corporation is not eligible for family plan discounts.

Not for profit organizations, partnerships and limited liability partnerships (LLP) are not included in this definition; assistance in choosing to form the excluded entities can be provided at the applicable reduced hourly rate. Filing fees, duplication costs, photo copies, the corporate kit and all expenses are paid by the member.

This fee does not include more than one shareholder, by-laws, minutes, operating agreement, statement of information, or other necessary documents required by the state agency.

**TRAFFIC DEFENSE:** The discounted fee applies to first time non-criminal traffic infractions including but not limited to; violation of traffic control device, failure to stop at a stop sign, improper change of lane, illegal turns, improper or unsafe equipment, expired tag, no proof of insurance, unlawful speed, improper passing, failure to use turn signal, failure to yield the right of way and safety belt violations.

This rate applies to each individual non-criminal traffic infraction. The discounted fee includes the preparation of any necessary court documents and attendance at a single court hearing to settle a single, first time, non-criminal traffic infraction.

The discounted fee does not include court costs, fines imposed by the presiding judge, additional scheduled hearings or other traffic matters that the court deems to be criminal in nature.

## SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS & MISC. INFORMATION

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

- Participating attorneys are bound by their state's professional code of ethics. They will advise you if they have a conflict of interest in taking your case. Attorneys have the inherent right to decline a case for any reason. However, plan attorneys have agreed not to reject any eligible plan member seeking services by reason of the amount of fees to which he or she may be entitled to charge under the Legal Club plan. If a plan attorney is unable to assist you, please contact Legal Club's Member Services Department for further assistance.
- To cancel membership, contact Member Services at (800) 305-6816 or send written notification to Legal Club. A full refund of the initial month's fee may be requested if cancelled within 30 days of receiving membership materials.
- Providers are subject to change without notice.
- Attorney fees are paid directly to plan attorney. Participating attorneys are not employees of Legal Club and have no financial obligation to the company.
- Legal Club of America Corporation and any of their agents, officers, or subsidiaries are not liable to indemnify or reimburse any plan member or participating attorney for any attorney fees or costs generated by the plan member.
- Legal Club of America Corporation and any of their agents, officers, or subsidiaries, as well as State Bar Associations and other regulatory agencies, do not guarantee the quality or quantity of legal services that are provided by plan attorneys. However, all participating attorneys are required to provide certificates of liability insurance if required by their state associations, and background checks are performed periodically to verify that they are in good standing.
- Plan attorneys have the sole responsibility for providing any and all legal services to the plan member.
- Legal Club of America Corporation is not a law firm, insurance carrier or a provider of legal services.
- The membership term is one year and shall automatically renew at the end of each membership term, unless explicitly cancelled.

### SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS & MISC. INFORMATION

- The term "guarantee" as used in this guidebook refers to the guarantee that Legal Club will use its best effort to locate and refer its members to an attorney that will abide by the fee schedule outlined herein. If Legal Club cannot find such an attorney for a member, the member's only recourse is a refund of the most recent month's membership fee.
- Court filing fees, expert witness fees, court costs, court reporter fees, transcript expenses, photocopying costs, postage, telephone toll charges and any other incidental expenses incurred by the plan member are excluded from discounted rates under any of the three pricing formulas described in this guidebook. Travel expenses are not eligible at discounted rates when the attorney must travel to represent a plan member's interests.
- Information available at [www.legalclub.com](http://www.legalclub.com) will contain the most up-to-date plan benefits, definitions, terms and conditions, etc. In the event of a conflict or discrepancy, the website content shall be considered the most up-to-date and correct.

## SECTION 4: TERMS & CONDITIONS

The following matters are excluded from your plan privileges:

- Legal matters involving the laws of jurisdictions outside the United States or its territories.
- Legal matters where the plan member has already retained participating counsel at their usual and customary rates prior to enrollment in Legal Club.
- Frivolous legal matters as determined by the plan attorney in accordance with the professional code of ethics in their state.
- Any action involving Legal Club, plan attorneys, affiliated companies or any of their company's or affiliated company's directors, officers, employees or agents in any matter in which they have interests adverse to the plan member's.
- Legal matters against the plan sponsor, employer, directors, officers, agents or employees, where Legal Club membership was gained through the sponsor or employer's efforts.
- In matters where the plan member and eligible family member have adverse interests, only the original plan member is eligible for plan discounts and not the family member unless both parties provide written authorization and consent otherwise.

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