



## STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN

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### State Bar of Wisconsin Modest Means Referral Service Client Instruction Sheet

The Modest Means Program of the State Bar of Wisconsin assists people whose income is too high to qualify for free legal services, but too low to pay a lawyer's standard rate. The Modest Means Program is run by the Lawyer Referral and Information Service at the State Bar. When we receive your completed application and documentation, we will try to match you with an attorney who has agreed to consider certain cases at a reduced rate.

The Modest Means Referral Service accepts applications for legal matters in these areas of practice: Bankruptcy, Criminal Defense (including ordinance violations, traffic offenses, and misdemeanors), Consumer Law, Power of Attorney and Wills, and Family Law.

To apply for reduced fee legal services:

1. Complete the application form. Include a description of your legal problem. Sign and date the application.
2. Make copies of your income and expenses documentation. Include your wages, court ordered income (such as child support or maintenance), and benefits such as Social Security, SSI, workers compensation, unemployment or VA benefits. Block out sensitive information such as your Social Security number or bank account numbers. Send copies of your documentation with your application.
3. Send the signed application form and copies of income documentation to our office at:  
State Bar of Wisconsin  
Modest Means Referral Service  
P O Box 7158  
Madison, WI 53707-7158
4. If you have questions about the application, please call our office at 1-888-529-7599. You can find additional information about the Modest Means program on our website at: [www.wisbar.org/modestmeans](http://www.wisbar.org/modestmeans).

Your eligibility for this program is determined by qualifications that include household income. To be eligible for this program, your household income must fall between 125% and 250 % poverty level.

Size of household	Annual Income is at least	Annual income is not more than
1	\$18,225	\$36,450
2	\$24,650	\$49,300
3	\$31,075	\$62,150
4	\$37,500	\$75,000
5	\$43,925	\$87,850
6	\$50,350	\$100,700
7	\$56,775	\$113,550
8	\$63,200	\$126,400



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**Reduced Fee Referral Request**

Mail completed application form to: State Bar of Wisconsin,  
Modest Means Panel, P.O. Box 7158, Madison, WI 53707-7158  
Questions? Call 1-888-529-7599

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults living in your household \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children living in your household \_\_\_\_\_

What is your gross household income per month? (Income from ALL household members must be documented.)

Wages \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security/SSDI income \_\_\_\_\_

Unemployment Compensation \_\_\_\_\_

Child Support \_\_\_\_\_

Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

Worker's Compensation \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify source and amount) \_\_\_\_\_

What are your bank account balances?

Checking \_\_\_\_\_

Savings \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own any of the items listed below? If so, list the value or balance of each.

Stocks or Bonds? \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates of Deposit \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Accounts \_\_\_\_\_

Investment Accounts \_\_\_\_\_

Do you pay child support and/or maintenance? If so what is the amount per month? (Enclose brief documentation)

Please provide a brief description of your legal matter. (Use back of form or attach additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

Name of opposing party

Name of opposing attorney (if known)

Name/location of court (if known)

Where would you like the attorney to be located? (Which county)

Do you need an attorney who speaks a language other than English?  
If so, what language?

Do you have any special requirements?

List the names of any attorneys you have already contacted or attorneys to whom you would NOT want to be referred

*I certify that the information included on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't forget to enclose documentation of income and expenses that you want us to consider.**