

With input from the NHBA Ethics Committee and the Attorney Discipline Office, the NHBA's Lawyer Referral Service has created a new resource to connect attorneys who have licensing/ethics issues with the attorneys who can represent them before the Attorney Discipline Office. If you currently represent attorneys before the ADO, or if you'd like to start, read the requirements below to see if you qualify to receive these referrals from the Lawyer Referral Service. **NOTE:** Attorneys seeking representation in this area of law may remain anonymous when requesting a referral from LRS.

For more information, contact Sheila Vermacy, LRS Coordinator at (603) 715-3235 or email [LRSreferral@nhbar.org](mailto:LRSreferral@nhbar.org). Download the [LRS Program Description](#) and the [LRS application](#) to apply.

### **ATTORNEY LICENSING/ETHICS ISSUES PANEL**

*Lawyers eligible for inclusion in the New Hampshire Bar Association's referral list for defending attorneys in professional conduct matters shall, at a minimum, have the following qualifications:*

1. Extensive familiarity with the Rules of Professional Conduct, as well as the Rules and Procedures of the Attorney Discipline System; and
2. Represented respondent attorneys in at least three Attorney Discipline matters within the previous seven years of lawyer's LRS application, at least one of which was in formal proceedings under New Hampshire Supreme Rule 37A(III).
3. The applicant may substitute representing a party or serving as an expert witness in a legal malpractice case for up to two of the matters in paragraph 2, if the legal malpractice case involved substantial issues relating to the Rules of Professional Conduct.

#### **WAIVER**

*Upon written request to the LRS, a panel member may ask for a waiver of these standards by demonstrating a substantially equivalent level of training or experience. The waiver request will be reviewed by the Bar's Associate Director of Legal Services, the Coordinator of the LRS program and the LRS Sub-committee of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee. The panel member may request a meeting with those deciding the waiver request. A written decision will be provided, if requested by the panel member.*

#### **MENTOR EXCEPTION**

A lawyer who does not meet the minimum qualifications for panel membership may alternatively qualify for inclusion by submitting a mentoring plan, which plan meets the approval of the Delivery of Legal Services LRS Subcommittee. The plan shall identify one or more individuals who agree to serve as a mentor, the stages during the course of the representation in which the proposed panel member and the mentor will confer, the written and oral work to be reviewed by the mentor, and the mentor's qualifications. If the proposed member is accepted for inclusion on the panel, LRS shall disclose the existence of the mentor relationship to the potential client at the time of referral. The potential client shall be allowed to request an alternative referral if he or she so chooses, either at the time of the initial referral or after interviewing with the mentored panel member.