

## What Isn't Covered

While NEA and your state Association provide additional programs to help with job-related legal problems, the NEA **ARP** covers many types of personal legal problems you might face. There are, however, a few areas where participating attorneys are not required to give members the 30 percent discount.

Problems such as business dealings, and preparation of a defense in Internal Revenue Service income tax matters are not covered under the 30 percent discount.

The 30 percent discount also does not apply to the defense of criminal violations, other than the traffic violations covered by the Program.

Participating attorneys are not permitted to represent a member in any matter in which the adverse party is the NEA, an NEA affiliate, or another NEA member—except in separation or divorce proceedings.

Of course, court costs, filing fees, service fees, and attorney out-of-pocket expenses are not ordinarily discounted.

It's also important to note that if you obtain your own attorney, you won't receive the discounted rate, even if that attorney later becomes a participant in the NEA **ARP**.

## How You Can Take Advantage of this Valuable Benefit for NEA Members

As a member, you can logon to the members' only section of [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org) to view the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the NEA approved law firms participating in the program in your State. You would then be free to contact a participating attorney directly—identifying yourself as an NEA member who is taking advantage of the NEA **ARP**.

Remember, although each participating attorney has agreed to provide two free 30 minute consultation sessions, you should discuss with the attorney the fees you will be charged before any consultation session begins.\* That will help you avoid any misunderstandings.

For further information about the NEA **ARP**, contact your state Association legal services program office or your local UniServ office.

\*The free consultation benefit allows you to discuss your problem with an attorney to determine whether you need additional legal services. Do not expect the attorney to draft or review documents during a consultation. If you ask the attorney to provide additional legal services, such as preparing a will, you will be billed at a discounted Program rate.

# NEA ATTORNEY REFERRAL PROGRAM



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for additional information.

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For over 150 years, NEA members have come to rely on their Association for support and service in a wide variety of areas. That commitment to service continues today.

The NEA **Attorney Referral Program (ARP)** provides members with legal advice on personal matters. Each eligible member is entitled to two free 30 minute consultation sessions during each calendar year. If you need additional legal help, the NEA **ARP** lets you get that help at rates below participating attorneys' usual fees.

### Protection Beyond Job-Related Matters

NEA has provided members legal protection in employment-related matters for many years. But in today's complex world, simply having legal help for employment-related matters isn't enough. At one time or another, each of us needs legal counsel on personal matters that are important to us and our families.

That's why NEA created the NEA **ARP**. This unique program is designed to make sure that every NEA member in participating state affiliates has access to affordable legal advice.

### Who Can Participate

NEA members in all membership categories (along with their spouses, domestic partners, and dependent children) are eligible for the NEA **ARP** benefit. If you have a legal issue outside of your state of residence, you can contact a participating attorney in the state where the legal matter resides.

### What the Program Provides

Your national and state Associations have identified attorneys throughout the state who have agreed to handle certain personal legal matters at a substantially reduced rate.

During any calendar year eligible members are entitled to two free 30 minute consultation sessions with any of these Association-approved attorneys. During the two free sessions, you may discuss any legal matter except income tax preparation.

In addition, members may have specific legal work performed in five "core" areas at a 30 percent reduction of participating attorneys' normal rates.

NEA is committed to making sure that qualified and competent attorneys participate in the NEA **ARP**. Before any attorneys can become a part of the program, they must be approved by both the NEA and your state Association. Also, they must agree to provide service to members at times that are convenient to members—times outside the normal working day.

Participating attorneys must agree to discuss fees before they render services. They must be willing to accept payment of their fees by installment payment plan or by credit card.

### The 'Core' Areas

NEA has identified five "core" areas of personal legal service for coverage under the NEA **ARP**. The five "core" areas are (1) Will and Estates; (2) Real Estate; (3) Domestic Relations; (4) Consumer Protection, and (5) Traffic Violations. Below are some examples of these services.

#### WILLS AND ESTATES

At a 30 percent discount rate, you can have a participating attorney prepare your will, assist with estate planning, provide legal assistance if you are named the executor or administrator of an estate, or offer legal counsel in guardianship proceedings.



#### REAL ESTATE

Provide assistance with the purchase or sale of residential property, disputes with landlords, property line controversies, and problems with zoning laws or land use regulations.



#### DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Representation in proceedings for dissolution, annulment, divorce, separation, alimony, custody, child support, guardianship, adoption, paternity, and name change.



#### CONSUMER PROTECTION

Assistance for disputes with creditors or finance agencies, proceedings with retailers concerning defective merchandise and bankruptcy.



#### TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Representation to handle charges of operating under the influence, reckless driving, or other offenses involving the potential loss of license, a jail sentence, or financial liability in excess of \$500.



Remember, at your request your spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children may also receive the NEA **ARP** discounted rate from any participating attorney.