



Lawyer Referral and Information Service

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Dear Colleagues,

Normally the Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) volunteers would be busy selling tickets right now in preparation for the annual Tri Tip BBQ fundraiser held in September, but this is anything but a normal year for anyone. Thanks to all of you, in 2019 we almost doubled the meals sold from the previous year and we were looking forward to providing the same delicious meal again this year.

Historically, we have been able to carry out our annual Tri Tip BBQ Drive-Thru Fundraiser, which has helped immensely in keeping LRIS open and serving the community. In fact, the BBQ fundraiser provides an essential part of the funds needed to operate LRIS throughout the year. However, due to COVID19, we are challenged with finding a safe way to proceed with this type of fundraiser under the current circumstances, which leads me to you. LRIS is operated by a volunteer committee of eight local attorneys and one paid employee/Executive Director. LRIS, a committee of the San Luis Obispo County Bar Association, is a nonprofit, 501 (c) (6), which has always presented the LRIS team with challenges when it comes to fundraising.

We know that times are tough, but if you are able to donate, please do. Any donation is appreciated, no donation is too small. Please consider helping us continue to connect thousands of people every year with the resources and attorneys they so desperately need. If you or someone you know is in need of the services offered by LRIS, please call (805) 541-5502 or email Kerrin at: LRIS@slobar.org. Call, email to donate, or [click here](#).

What does LRIS do:

The San Luis Obispo County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service has proven to be a valuable resource within our community. LRIS answers thousands of calls per year, guiding people from all walks of life to local nonprofit agencies that offer free/low cost resources or to attorneys that specialize in the area of law the caller needs. In essence, LRIS provides peace of mind. Peace of mind that if you can not afford an attorney, there are amazing resources out there to assist.

The following reviews were left on Yelp by LRIS callers:

"I called LRIS today and spoke with Corinne (sic) about an urgent legal matter. She was professional and courteous and asked all the right questions. She responded within 1 hour with a qualified referral who could talk same day and who I ended up hiring. She also captured the details of my case accurately so that I did not need to repeat myself when the referral contacted me."

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*"I have nothing but respect for Kerrin. I can only imagine just how busy she is. But she was still willing an able to connect me with an attorney to take care of my needs.
I cannot express just how at peace I am right now.
It's nice to know there are good people out there trying to connect others with the kind of help each needs. I was lost. I'm not anymore.
To think of stepping into a legal battle alone, is absolutely terrifying.
But to know there is someone willing to help you find a supporter. A protector. To fight for you.
Means the world.
Thank You Kerrin.
You were my last hope. An you came through for me.
I would definitely recommend this Service to any one in need of finding the right kind of Lawyer."*

We are continuing to explore alternative fundraising avenues for these uncertain times and will keep you updated with our efforts.

Thank you,

Michael Pick, Josh George, Ed Attala, Dennis Law, John Hosford, Joe Benson, Neil Tardiff, Trevor Creel, Nicole Johnson and Kerrin Hovarter