

Q & A



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How do I become an Emeritus attorney?

You may enroll in the Emeritus Program by contacting the Wyoming State Bar at (307) 632-9061 or by downloading the application form online at www.wyomingbar.org.

What are the requirements for the Emeritus Program?

You must be a member of the Wyoming State Bar in good standing at the time you apply for Emeritus status. Emeritus attorneys will provide pro bono legal services to qualified applicants who meet program guidelines for income and case.

Am I still licensed to practice law?

Yes; however you are only licensed to provide pro bono services through the Wyoming State Bar's Emeritus Program or another approved legal services provider.

Will I be exempt from paying a license fee?

Yes. Emeritus attorneys are not required to pay an annual license fee.

Is there a CLE requirement?

Yes. Every Emeritus attorney must complete seven hours of CLE (including one hour of ethics) annually.

Will I earn CLE credit/pro bono credit as a result of my participation in the Emeritus Program?

Yes. According to Rule 4(g) of the Rules for Continuing Legal Education of Members of the Wyoming State Bar, a maximum of five hours of accredited continuing

legal education credit may be granted to those lawyers who provide qualified pro bono representation.

Will I be covered by malpractice insurance?

Yes. The Wyoming State Bar has contracted with ALPS to provide malpractice insurance for attorneys participating in the Emeritus Program.

Is there a minimum number of hours of Pro Bono service I must perform?

There is no minimum number of hours required.

What kinds of assistance will I be asked to provide?

You may be asked to assist with a name change, non-profit corporation organization, custody modification – or in some cases, you may simply answer a few questions or assist in answering a complaint.

Once approved, will I be able to provide direct representation to clients?

You will be matched with potential clients through the Wyoming State Bar's Emeritus Program. All clients will be required to complete an income eligibility form.

What if I have additional questions about the Emeritus program?

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