

PROGRAM

Personal Legal Services is a PSEA-NEA program designed to provide all members of PSEA and its affiliates with high quality legal services or mediation services for personal legal matters at significant savings. Each eligible member is entitled to two 30-minute consultation sessions free during each membership year. If you need additional legal assistance, the Program lets you get that assistance at rates below the participating attorney's usual fees.

ELIGIBILITY

If you are an Active, ESP-Active, Substitute, Student, Retired, or Reserve member of PSEA or its affiliates, you and your spouse or domestic partner, and your children classed as dependents for federal income tax purposes, are eligible for the Personal Legal Services Program.

EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

As a member of PSEA, you are entitled to two free consultations for each membership year (*September 1-August 31*) of up to 30 minutes each. During the two free sessions, you – or your spouse or domestic partner, or your dependent child – may discuss any personal legal matter except income tax preparation. The two free consultations may not be combined, and must be on two different matters. The attorney or mediator does not get paid for this consultation. The consultation is provided as a service to PSEA and its members.

The free consultation will permit you to discuss your personal legal problem with an attorney in order to determine whether and to what extent additional legal services may be needed. You should not expect the attorney to draft or review documents during the consultation. If you ask the attorney to provide additional services (such as preparation of a will), you will be billed by the attorney for the additional service(s). You will be told when the free consultation is over and when charges begin.

In addition to the free consultations, you may have specific legal work performed in five “core” areas at a 30 percent reduction of the participating attorney's normal fees. Information regarding the normal fee and reduced fee will be provided to you by the attorney in advance. PSEA cannot guarantee that the discounted fee will be the lowest in the area, only that it is 30 percent lower than the fee normally charged by that attorney or mediator for that service.

In all cases, you learn the rate for legal or mediation services charged before service is rendered.

You have access to the services of approved attorneys or mediators who are accountable to PSEA and NEA for quality service. Note, however, that the attorneys or mediators who agree to participate in the Program are not required to provide additional legal services to you, nor are you obliged to retain them for additional legal services.

COVERAGE

The Personal Legal Services Program covers almost any personal legal need, not related to your employment, that you or your eligible family members might have. There are five “core” areas of personal legal services for coverage under the Program for which legal services may be provided at the discount Program rate:

✓ WILLS AND ESTATES

Preparation of a will, assistance with estate planning, legal assistance if you are named the executor or administrator of an estate, and legal counsel in guardianship proceedings.

✓ REAL ESTATE

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

✓ CONSUMER PROTECTION

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

✓ DOMESTIC RELATIONS

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

✓ TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Assistance with 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 \$50.

The Program does not cover legal services at the discounted rate for business or trade dealings, bankruptcies, preparation of income tax returns, preparation of a defense in Internal Revenue Service income tax matters, or defense of criminal violations (*other than traffic violations covered by the Program*).

A participating attorney is not permitted to represent a member in any matter in which the adverse party is NEA, PSEA, an affiliate of NEA or PSEA, or another member of NEA or PSEA (*except in separation or divorce proceedings*).

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

PROCEDURE

Contact the nearest PSEA region field office. A staff member will verify your membership and provide you with the contact information of an attorney or mediator approved by NEA and PSEA to participate in the Program. For your convenience, the addresses and telephone numbers of the region offices are listed on the back of this brochure.

Region offices

Central

400 Shiloh Road
State College, PA 16801
800-548-7732 • 814-238-1201

Central-Western

330 Bloomfield Street
Johnstown, PA 15904
800-441-9793 • 814-266-3965

39 North 7th Street, Suite 300
Indiana, PA 15701
800-772-3021 • 724-349-1278

Eastern

4950 Medical Center Circle
Allentown, PA 18106-9692
800-322-9032 • 610-391-0835

Mideastern

601 Bethlehem Pike
Building 'C'
Montgomeryville, PA 18936
800-492-2727 • 215-853-2100

Midwestern

3033 New Butler Road
New Castle, PA 16101
800-942-8025 • 724-924-1000

Northeastern

1188 Highway #315
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
800-432-8619 • 570-819-2556

Northwestern

413 West Plum Street, Suite C
Edinboro, PA 16412
800-962-7732 • 814-734-3711

Southeastern

Westtown Business Center
1512 McDaniel Drive
West Chester, PA 19380
800-255-7732 • 610-430-6150

Southern

4750 Delbrook Road, Suite 100
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
800-622-2270 • 717-761-8009

Southwestern

944 Old State Route 119
Hunker, PA 15639
800-942-0415 • 724-696-3100

Western

10 South 19th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203-1878
800-222-7732 • 412-381-2400

PSEA-Retired/NEA-Retired

400 North Third Street
PO Box 1724
Harrisburg, PA 17105-1724
800-944-7732 Ext. 7065
717-255-7065



400 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2225
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2225
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Ext. 7025, 7046, 7029 or 7056



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for PSEA-NEA members...
Quality personal legal
services at a 30% savings!



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