



Modest Means Attorney Resource Guide

The OCBA Lawyer Referral and Information Service appreciates the attorneys participating with the Modest Means Program. We encourage you to take advantage of the resources in this guide to help you grow and improve your practice.

OCBA Committees

The OCBA has 24 substantive law and four special program committees designed to provide you with current and timely information in your legal specialty area, develop CLE seminars, submit articles for The Briefs magazine, and participate in a wide variety of community service projects and OCBA-sponsored social networking events. We encourage you to become involved with one or more of these committees.

<https://www.orangecountybar.org/for-attorneys/committees/>

CLEs

We offer several convenient ways for attorneys and paralegals to earn continuing legal education credits right in our downtown center.

<https://www.orangecountybar.org/cle/>

Legal Aid Society Trainings

The Legal Aid Society provides both live training seminars and recorded content in many areas of law. There is no cost to attend the seminars or view the recorded content.

<http://www.legalaidocba.org/training>

New Lawyer Training Program

In this dynamic, intensive two-day training program designed especially for young lawyers, participants will learn from the experts on how to navigate the court system and practice with professionalism and success in Orange County.

<https://www.orangecountybar.org/programs/new-lawyer-training-program/>

OCBA Mentoring Program

The OCBA Mentoring Program is offered over a four-month schedule, during the fall of each year. Mentors and mentees meet on their own schedule to discuss the practice of law.

<https://www.orangecountybar.org/programs/ocba-mentoring-program/>

Expectations Regarding Representation

You are not required to represent the clients that are referred to you. If you do decide to represent a client, we recommend amending your retainer agreement to include language regarding the Modest Means program parameters and rates.

The Modest Means rates are guaranteed solely on the client's household size and income. We do not consider retirement accounts or personal assets when screening the client for financial eligibility.

Communication is key! It is important to make sure the client understands what the fees will be and what services you will provide, especially when working with the client on a limited scope basis.

Modest Means Program Mission Statement

- To educate the public about their legal rights.
- To provide access to affordable, competent legal representation.
- To study cultural trends and investigate current social and political realities, in order to identify those most in need of access to our system of justice.
- To modify and expand our capabilities and services in order to accomplish the above.