

Attorney Directory Overview

How the HOA Reform Network Legal Directory Works

The HOA Reform Network offers a public attorney directory to help homeowners identify legal professionals who may be able to assist with HOA-related issues. Many homeowners facing HOA disputes do not know where to begin when looking for legal counsel.

The attorney directory is a connection resource only. It does not replace legal advice, legal representation, or state bar referral services.

1. Purpose of the Directory

The purpose of the HOA Reform Network attorney directory is to provide homeowners with a public resource for locating potential legal counsel. The directory is designed to:

- Help homeowners find attorneys who may handle HOA-related matters
- Provide a state-by-state legal resource for homeowners
- Reduce confusion for homeowners seeking legal help
- Support access to information without charging homeowners
- Give vetted attorneys a way to be listed as a potential legal resource
- Strengthen the broader HOA education and reform ecosystem

2. Public Access

The HOA Reform Network attorney directory is open to the public. Homeowners may search or review the directory without paying a fee. The directory may be organized by:

- State
- County or region
- Practice area
- Type of HOA issue
- Consultation availability
- Virtual consultation availability
- Languages spoken
- Homeowner representation, board representation, or both

3. No Cost to Homeowners or Attorneys

The HOA Reform Network does not charge homeowners to access the attorney directory. The HOA Reform Network also does not charge vetted attorneys to be listed in the directory.

Any legal fees, consultation fees, or representation agreements are handled directly between the homeowner and the attorney. The HOA Reform Network is not involved in fee agreements, payments, retainers, billing, or legal representation.

4. Attorney Vetting Process

Attorneys must complete an application before being included in the directory. The application process may review:

- Attorney name and firm information
- State or states where the attorney is licensed
- Practice areas
- HOA-related experience
- Representation focus
- Consultation availability
- Service area
- Professional standing
- Public directory information
- Willingness to support homeowner education or reform resources

Submission of an application does not guarantee inclusion in the directory. The HOA Reform Network may approve, decline, remove, or update directory listings at its discretion.

5. What the HOA Reform Network Does

- Maintain a public directory of vetted attorneys
- Organize attorney listings by state or practice area
- Provide educational resources about HOA-related issues
- Help homeowners understand when legal counsel may be appropriate
- Offer general checklists and document preparation tools
- Invite attorneys to contribute educational resources
- Update directory listings as information changes
- Remove listings that no longer meet directory standards

6. What the HOA Reform Network Does Not Do

- Provide legal advice
- Act as a law firm
- Recommend one attorney over another
- Guarantee attorney availability
- Guarantee legal outcomes
- Create attorney-client relationships
- Review individual cases as legal counsel
- Interpret governing documents for homeowners as legal advice
- Participate in fee agreements
- Handle attorney payments or retainers
- Supervise attorney-client relationships
- Verify every legal claim made by users or attorneys
- Replace state bar referral services

Homeowners are responsible for contacting attorneys directly, asking questions, reviewing fees, confirming experience, and deciding whether to enter into a legal representation agreement.

7. When Homeowners May Consider Legal Counsel

Homeowners may want to consider speaking with an attorney if they are dealing with:

- Lien notice
- Foreclosure threat
- Lawsuit
- Attorney demand letter
- Large or escalating fines
- Records request denial
- Selective enforcement concerns
- Discrimination or fair housing concerns
- Retaliation concerns
- Architectural denial with financial consequences
- Board election dispute
- Special assessment dispute
- Assessment collection dispute

- Confusing or urgent legal deadlines
- Management company misconduct concerns
- Developer transition concerns

If a homeowner has received a legal deadline, court filing, lien notice, or foreclosure notice, they should consider contacting qualified legal counsel as soon as possible.

8. Information to Review Before Contacting an Attorney

Before contacting an attorney, homeowners should gather as much relevant information as possible. Helpful documents may include:

- ☐ CC&Rs / Declaration
- ☐ Bylaws
- ☐ Rules and regulations
- ☐ Architectural guidelines
- ☐ Fine schedule
- ☐ Collection policy
- ☐ Violation notices
- ☐ Fine notices
- ☐ Hearing notices
- ☐ Records requests
- ☐ HOA responses
- ☐ Account ledger
- ☐ Payment history
- ☐ Photos or videos
- ☐ Emails and letters
- ☐ Meeting minutes
- ☐ Lien notice
- ☐ Foreclosure notice
- ☐ Lawsuit documents
- ☐ Attorney letters
- ☐ Timeline of events

9. Suggested Questions for Homeowners to Ask Attorneys

When contacting an attorney, homeowners may want to ask:

- ☐ Are you licensed to practice law in my state?
- ☐ Do you handle HOA-related matters?
- ☐ Do you represent homeowners, HOAs, or both?
- ☐ Have you handled issues similar to mine?
- ☐ Do you offer an initial consultation?
- ☐ Is the consultation free or paid?
- ☐ What are your fees?
- ☐ Do you offer flat-fee or limited-scope services?
- ☐ What documents should I send before the consultation?
- ☐ Are there urgent deadlines I should be aware of?
- ☐ What are the possible next steps?
- ☐ Will you provide the scope of representation in writing?

10. Directory Disclaimer

The HOA Reform Network attorney directory is provided for informational purposes only. The HOA Reform Network does not provide legal advice, does not act as a law firm, and does not create an attorney-client relationship between homeowners and attorneys listed in the directory.

Attorneys listed in the directory have completed an application process before being included. However, inclusion in the directory does not constitute an endorsement, recommendation, guarantee of services, guarantee of availability, or guarantee of legal results.

Homeowners are responsible for independently evaluating any attorney before hiring legal counsel. Attorneys are responsible for complying with all applicable licensing, advertising, ethics, conflict-of-interest, confidentiality, and professional responsibility rules.

11. Final Reminder

The attorney directory exists to help homeowners more easily locate possible legal resources. It is free for homeowners to use and free for vetted attorneys to be listed.

The HOA Reform Network's role is to provide public access to organized legal resource information, not to provide legal advice or control attorney-client relationships.