



Terms for Submitting a Request

The following are important requirements and terms of service for any individual submitting a request for EOLDN to match the individual to a participating network lawyer ("PL"). EOLDN is a project of the nonpartisan, nonprofit Center for Election Innovation & Research ("CEIR").

The following are strict requirements for submitting a request to EOLDN:

1. The individual submitting a request to EOLDN must be (or have been) an election official. An election official is either (a) a recognized governmental election authority, or (b) someone acting under the supervision of a recognized governmental election authority. Anyone acting under the supervision of a political party (e.g., a partisan poll watcher) is not eligible.
2. The request must relate to the individual's work in elections administration.
3. The individual submitting a request must not state or otherwise suggest in communications, public or private, that CEIR/EOLDN has in any way endorsed the individual or the individual's request or legal position.

Important Terms of Service

1. EOLDN will review each request. If EOLDN believes there are PLs who may be able to help, EOLDN will try to match the request with an appropriate PL. EOLDN will notify the request submitter if it does not believe it will be able to match the request.
2. **By trying to match a request, EOLDN has determined only that the request meets EOLDN's eligibility requirements.** EOLDN takes no position on the substance or merits of any request or legal matter, does not guarantee a result or outcome, and does not endorse the individual submitting the request in any capacity. As a public charity exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, CEIR may not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, candidates for public office.
3. **CEIR, as host of EOLDN, is not an organization engaged in the practice of law** and is therefore not in an attorney-client relationship with individuals who submit a request and cannot and will not provide legal advice.
4. EOLDN cannot guarantee confidentiality or the privacy of submitted information. However, EOLDN will take reasonable steps to protect the confidentiality of information it obtains from a request submitter and matched PL, and will not share this information except with a matched PL and/or those assisting with the administration of EOLDN, unless required by law.
5. Participation in EOLDN is free of charge regardless of the outcome of the matching process.
6. A matched PL is not obligated to provide further legal services after an initial intake meeting. Similarly, a request submitter is not obligated to move ahead with a matched PL after the intake



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meeting. If a matched PL declines to move forward, the PL shall hand the request back to EOLDN, and EOLDN will try to set up another match. EOLDN does not guarantee it will be able to make a successful match. If the request submitter declines to be represented by a PL or decides to no longer pursue a match, EOLDN will not try to set up another match. The request submitter must notify EOLDN if they change their mind and decide that they would like EOLDN to continue the matching process.

7. EOLDN matches requests to PLs based on PLs' indicated willingness to accept requests in areas of law relevant to the request. In doing so, EOLDN does not endorse PLs nor indicate that a certain PL is more qualified than another PL or any other lawyer.
8. If representation proceeds beyond the initial intake meeting, the matched PL is required to enter into a written engagement letter with the request submitter. EOLDN is not a party to this agreement and cannot assist with negotiating the agreement.
9. The initial intake meeting with the matched PL is free of charge. If the representation moves forward, the matched PL will provide their services pro bono, meaning that the PL will not charge fees for the time they spend representing the request submitter. However, the PL has the right to require reimbursement for expenses such as court costs and travel expenses, as negotiated between the request submitter and the PL and reflected in the engagement letter.
10. If a matched PL works in a law firm, other lawyers, paralegals, or support staff might be involved in the representation, but the PL will be in charge of the request unless the PL and the request submitter agree otherwise.
11. PLs are expected to inform EOLDN of the resolution of a request within thirty (30) days of being resolved. This includes a brief summary of how the matter resolved, for example, settlement, court order, mediated or arbitrated result. EOLDN will not request information covered by the attorney-client privilege and will not disclose individual-level information without prior written consent.
12. EOLDN is part of CEIR's overall work of restoring trust in the American election system and promoting election procedures that encourage participation while ensuring election integrity and security. To help CEIR assess the efficacy of its work, CEIR may ask request submitters to voluntarily participate in surveys about their experiences with EOLDN and their matched PL(s). EOLDN will not request information covered by the attorney-client privilege and will not disclose individual-level information without prior written consent.