

LEGAL ACTION PROGRAM

What is the Legal Action Program?

NAR's Legal Action Program supports litigation that may have a significant impact on the real estate industry, association business, the use of real property, and private property rights. The Program, overseen by the Legal Action Committee, provides litigation support through both financial assistance and NAR's *amicus* participation.

Who May Apply for Assistance?

Members, MLSs, associations and non-members may apply for assistance through the Legal Action Program.

How and When May Requests be Made?

The Legal Action Funding and Amicus Brief Participation application forms are available on the [Legal Action Program](#) page. The deadline for funding requests is four weeks prior to the Legal Action Committee's next meeting at the REALTORS® Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo or the REALTORS® Conference and Expo. Requests for *amicus* participation should ideally be submitted to the *Amicus* Brief Advisory Board at least 60 days prior to the deadline for filing the *amicus* brief.

Keep these tips in mind when applying for assistance from the Legal Action Program:

- ✓ Explain the impact. Be sure to thoughtfully articulate how the case may impact the real estate industry nationally, as cases that only affect particular litigants do not qualify for assistance under the Program. For *amicus* requests, explain why NAR's participation would be helpful to the case.
- ✓ Describe the case background. A thorough picture of the background and procedural history of the case helps the Committee understand the merits of the request for assistance. Include supporting documentation, such as court filings, with the request.
- ✓ Seek state and local REALTOR® association assistance. The Legal Action Committee strongly prefers that applicants first apply for financial assistance from the relevant state and local associations.
- ✓ Assistance is available at any stage in the litigation. You may apply for assistance at any stage in the litigation. In fact, some parties submit multiple requests in connection with the same ongoing matter, although a grant of assistance does not ensure future requests will similarly be granted.
- ✓ Applicants are strongly encouraged to present the request to the Committee. Appearing before the Committee to present the request allows Committee members to ask questions in order to fully understand the practical importance of the case. Applicants do not need to understand the legal

nuances of the case, but should have a firm grasp of the case's issues and impact on the industry. Counsel are also invited to join in presenting before the Committee.

- ✓ Legal Action funds may be applied to legal fees and expenses only. Legal Action financial assistance may not be used to pay judgments, damages, fines, settlements, or attorneys fee awards.

Additional Information

The Legal Action Committee is composed of a mix of brokers, agents, association counsel, and association executives, designed to reflect a balanced representation of industry perspectives. The Committee meets twice a year, at NAR's REALTOR® Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo and at the REALTORS® Conference and Expo, to consider requests for financial assistance and make its recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. The Amicus Brief Advisory Board is a subgroup of the full Committee that considers requests for NAR's *amicus* participation in litigation matters throughout the year.

Additional information and the request forms may be found on the [Legal Action Program](#) page on nar.realtor. If you have any questions, please contact Chloe Hecht, Staff Executive for the Legal Action Committee, at (312) 329-8248 or checht@nar.realtor, or Liz Sullivan, NAR Trademark Paralegal at (312) 329-8403 or esullivan@nar.realtor.