

# LEGALSMART

**February 2025 Edition**

## THE MISSION

The mission of Legal Resources is to provide superior legal services to our members, enabling them to lead active, healthy, and worry-free lives, free of major legal expenses.

## THIS MONTH'S EDITION

- *Romance Scams*
- *Legal Support for Life's Important Moments*
- *Our new partnership with CareLinx and much more!*

## FEATURED STORY

### CareLinx Partnership

Legal Resources is excited to announce our partnership with CareLinx. Through this partnership, our members gain access to a nationwide network of professional, pre-vetted caregivers. As a Legal Resources member, you'll receive an exclusive 12.5% discount on the CareLinx service fee. Create a profile to view local caregivers, compare rates, and explore options tailored to your needs.

Founded in 2011, CareLinx has over a decade of experience connecting families with trusted caregivers. Their caregivers offer a wide range of services, including assistance with daily living activities for seniors to age in place, managing ongoing health challenges, and providing respite care for those who need extra support. CareLinx combines a commitment to quality care with modern technology and exceptional customer service to ensure you and your loved ones receive the best home care experience.

Learn more about this caregiving resource under the plan resources tab in our member portal.



## #TRENDINGNOW

### Black History Month

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) announces "African Americans and Labor" as the theme for this year's celebration of Black History Month. From February 1 to February 28, the organization and its partners will reflect on the experience of Black people in the workplace, spanning generations and geographical locations, including the United States, Africa, and the Diaspora. Join them in commemorating Black History Month by supporting Black-owned businesses and nonprofits, reading books by Black authors, or attending special events in your city.

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## CYBER CORNER

### Romance Scams

Red flags can look like green flags through rose-colored glasses. In other words, it's okay to be wary of love, especially when establishing a connection with someone exclusively online. A 2022 study revealed 70,000 reports of romance scams, resulting in a total loss of \$1.3 billion. Scammers capitalize on people's quest for love by gaining their victims' trust and then attacking or defrauding them. Dating apps and social media are preferred platforms for scammers, and investment scams are among their most popular tactics. Listen to our recorded webinar to learn more about avoiding, spotting, and reporting Romance Scams: [Identity Theft Today - Romance Scams](#).

## DID YOU KNOW...

### What is a Retainer Agreement?

A retainer agreement is a formal contract between you and an attorney that outlines the scope of legal services to be provided. This agreement serves as a roadmap, detailing the specific tasks the attorney will handle, their fees, and other key terms of your working relationship. It ensures transparency and sets clear expectations, so everyone is on the same page.

### What is a Retainer Fee?

A retainer fee is an upfront payment made to secure an attorney's services. The fee is typically held in a trust account and used to cover legal work costs as completed. Your attorney will provide regular statements showing how the fee is applied, helping track your legal costs.

Understanding these terms can empower informed decisions when seeking legal assistance. Your Legal Resources plan covers attorney fees for many everyday legal matters, giving you peace of mind. If you need help navigating a legal issue, our attorney network is here to guide you!

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### Legal Support for Life's Important Moments

People in love will go to great lengths for their partners, children, and family. Your Legal Plan allows you to go the extra mile by eliminating obstacles in legal matters related to marriage, adoption, and family matters. We've highlighted just a few of the services included in your legal benefit:

**Name Change:** Changing your name is a legal process that requires careful attention. Your Plan Attorney can guide you through every step!

**Domestic Adoption:** Grow your family without the high cost of legal fees.

**Prenuptial Agreements:** Prenuptial agreements are rising in popularity. Before you tie the knot, we'll help you sort assets, debts, and other matters.

**Reproductive Agreements:** Ensure the safety and care of your baby-to-be by finalizing surrogacy and/or donor agreements.

**Elder Law Matters:** Caring for an aging loved one is no small task. Support their medical, financial, and emotional well-being by putting enforceable directives and care plans into place.

**Divorce:** When one chapter ends, another begins. Work with your Plan Attorney on visitation schedules, alimony, custody arrangements, and more.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

### February is American Heart Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Americans. High blood pressure is one of the most significant risk factors, a health condition that impacts roughly half of our nation's adult population. American Heart Month is a 28-day campaign that highlights risk factors, celebrates survivors of cardiovascular disease, and promotes best practices for living healthier, safer lives. If you have a heart condition, consult your attorney about a medical directive to ensure the highest quality of care throughout your treatment.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** I misplaced the New Member Packet I received in January, and I am curious about what legal services are included in my legal plan. Where else can I find this information?

**A:** Review your Plan Contract through the Member Portal or contact Member Services at 800.728.5768 or [info@legalresources.com](mailto:info@legalresources.com) for a new packet.



## UPCOMING LRSEMINAR DATES

LRseminars is a series of virtual forums that explore how life events can have legal implications. These forums are hosted and presented by Legal Resources and our network attorneys and cover a wide range of topics. Listed below are the upcoming seminars.

### WHEN LIFE GETS LEGAL

**Topic:** Immigration Changes Under New Administration

**Date:** February 12, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST

### IDENTITY THEFT TODAY

**Topic:** Trending Threats

**Date:** February 19, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST

### CONVERSATIONS FOR CAREGIVERS

**Topic:** Financial Strategies for Caregivers

**Date:** February 26, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST

Register at [LRseminars.com](https://www.legalresources.com/LRseminars.com)



Please call our Member Services Department with any questions. **We look forward to serving you and your family.**

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