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NHADA LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (LDF)

- The Chairman of the Board shall appoint the LDF Committee.
- The President of the Association and the LDF attorney shall serve ex officio.
- The LDF Committee shall meet as called by the LDF Chair.
- The LDF Committee shall review requests for funds and bring their recommendations to the NHADA Board of Directors for approval or denial of the requests within 90 days of the request.

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1. The issue presented by the applicant must affect the dealer body and/or its customers.
2. The financial assistance must be in the best interest of the dealer body.
3. The complexity of the case, the importance of the case to all dealers, and the time involved in the case are the major considerations to recommending a dollar amount.
4. If the case involves one dealer suing another dealer, then the issue involved and its effect on the entire dealer body will be the key issue.
5. If fraud is proven on the part of the LDF recipient, then the LDF recipient must return the monies, within 90 days, to the NHADA LDF.
6. The LDF recipient agrees to provide monthly reports to the NHADA President as to the status of the case.
7. If the LDF recipient wins financial judgment in the form of damages, the LDF recipient must return monies to the NHADA Legal Defense Fund, not less than the amount given by the LDF, within 90 days of settlement.
8. The Committee is not charged with trying the case; therefore, unless there is blatant fraud or dishonesty, the issue presented is what the Committee will base its recommendation on.
9. If another state association requests legal defense funds, the Committee shall review the case based on the same guidelines.
10. No member of NHADA has an absolute right to receive funds from the Legal Defense Fund.