480.24 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** As used in sections 480.24 to 480.244, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Eligible client.** "Eligible client" means an individual that is financially unable to afford legal assistance, as determined by a recipient on the basis of eligibility guidelines established by the State Board of Civil Legal Aid pursuant to section 480.243, subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Qualified legal services program.** "Qualified legal services program" means a nonprofit corporation which provides or proposes to provide legal services to eligible clients in civil matters and which is governed by a board of directors composed of attorneys-at-law and consumers of legal services. A qualified legal services program includes farm legal assistance providers that have a proven record of delivery of effective, high-quality legal assistance and have demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing legal issues affecting financially distressed family farmers throughout the state.

Subd. 4. **Recipient.** "Recipient" means a qualified legal services program that receives funds pursuant to section 480.242 to provide legal services to eligible clients.

Subd. 5. **Nonprofit regional alternative dispute resolution corporation.** "Nonprofit regional alternative dispute resolution corporation" means a nonprofit corporation which trains and makes available to the public individuals who provide fact-finding, conciliation, mediation, or nonbinding or binding arbitration services.

History: *1982 c 489 s 2,11; 1Sp1985 c 13 s 376 subd 2; 1986 c 398 art 17 s 1; 1991 c 345 art 1 s 98; 2024 c 123 art 11 s 1,2*