

Explore the Benefits of Membership in the New York City Bar Association Join Today and Receive 30% Off Your Membership Dues as a Government Attorney

Membership in the New York City Bar Association provides an incredible opportunity for government attorneys. Become part of a 23,000-member organization where you can advance your professional goals, fulfill your personal interests and serve the public good. Membership provides you with access to free CLE, pro bono opportunities, speaking roles, leadership roles on committees, mentoring, networking with colleagues in private practice, public service, the judiciary, government, academia, in-house and law schools.

- Our **CLE programs** attract leaders in the profession and create networking opportunities during breaks, meals and receptions. **Government attorneys may attend all CLE programs that are four hours or less (live programs, webcasts and on-demand) at no extra charge beyond your membership dues.** Programs create speaking opportunities for active City Bar members.

- Participation on one of our **150 committees** expands your professional network and creates opportunities to collaborate in a small setting with law firm attorneys, in-house counsel, government officials and others. By working on important legal and policy issues, you can make a significant impact and build your own brand as a thought-leader. New York City Bar reports and leaders are frequently quoted in the popular press and legal-focused media.

- The City Bar's committees participate in **shaping public policy** by commenting on pending legislation, drafting proposed legislation, testifying at hearings, drafting amicus briefs and making lobby visits. Our reports and policy positions are communicated to the key players at the most impactful times.

- Members have an opportunity to be trained and volunteer for **pro bono projects** through the **City Bar Justice Center** and international pro bono projects in human rights, free expression, environment, and others through the **Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice**. **The City Bar Justice Center** provides pro bono access to justice for New Yorkers struggling with poverty and systemic socioeconomic barriers by leveraging the volunteered time and expertise of the New York City legal community. **The Vance Center for International Justice** provides pro bono legal representation worldwide to dozens of social justice organizations, and dozens of non-governmental organizations and international governmental bodies relating to human rights, access to justice, environmental, and good governance issues.

- From **substantive programs to receptions**, the New York City Bar brings influential speakers in on various topics and offers more than 200 non-CLE programs annually, free or discounted for members. City Bar events are topical and provide pathways to furthering an attorney's understanding of a particular practice area and building their career. Our Lawyers Connect programs provide a mix of live and online activities for junior attorneys to take an active role in their careers. The City Bar Professional Development Workshop Series focuses on topics such as leadership, communication, and feedback.

- The **City Bar Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (ODEIB)** works with New York City legal employers to foster more diverse and inclusive work environments while supporting and regularly tracking the progress of more than 160 signatory law firms and law departments on key diversity representation metrics. The Office and the NYC Bar Committees within the Diversity and Inclusion group host a number of programs to support excellence in innovation and execution on diversity and inclusion initiatives, such as the Associate Leadership Institute and the ODEIB Podcast Series. The Office also provides a comprehensive pipeline initiative which supports high school, college and law students to develop necessary professional skills and gain exposure to the legal profession through programs that provide participants with academic support and preparation for law school, exposure to the profession, professional and substantive skill development, and networking/mentoring opportunities. Attorneys can support the Office by participating in our programs, joining one of our eight Diversity & Inclusion Committees, volunteering with our pipeline initiatives and more.

- Membership in the City Bar **supports various programs and services that benefit society and reflect well on the profession**, such as our ethics hotline and the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP). LAP is a free, confidential service for attorneys, judges, and families struggling with alcohol, drug abuse, other addictions, depression, anxiety, stress, and other health issues. The City Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program provides critical support to the legal profession. For example, LAP has reached out to new lawyers struggling with uncertainty and increased stress, offering programs and group support. The City Bar's Mindfulness and Well-Being Committee has also been active in supporting the profession during these turbulent times, offering weekly programming to support well-being and launching a **Mindfulness and Well-Being Toolkit**.

- The City Bar library has an **extensive collection of legal materials** as well as significant electronic research resources for members without charge including Lexis and Westlaw. A members-only Library lounge is also available.

- City Bar members received **discounts on products and services** from a variety of companies such as Avis/Budget, Jets/Yankees/Knicks tickets, SoFi, and gym membership with Equinox.

To join the City Bar, [please access this special membership application](#), providing 30% off your membership dues. If you need assistance, please call Customer Relations at 212.382.6665.