Your Best Connection to the New York City Legal Community

Membership in the **New York City Bar Association** provides an incredible opportunity for firms and their attorneys. Become part of a **24,000-member organization** providing you with business development training, leadership roles, mentoring, networking with in-house counsel, an opportunity to advocate for changes in the law, free and discounted CLE, pro bono opportunities, speaking roles, and more.

COMMITTEES

Joining a committee and participating in the meaningful work of issuing reports and producing programs can provide a satisfying sense of purpose. At a time when it's easy to feel isolated and anxious, the City Bar can provide a sense of community and connection. Participation on one of our 150 committees expands your professional network and creates business development opportunities by allowing you to collaborate in a small setting with other law firm attorneys, in-house counsel, government officials and others. By working on important legal and policy issues and taking on leadership roles, you can make a significant impact and build your own brand as a thought- leader in various fields.

CLE

New York City Bar CLE programs attract leaders in the profession and create networking opportunities. Programs create speaking opportunities for active City Bar members. **Members who are recent law graduates (not yet admitted) or newly admitted attorneys (admitted 2020 - 2022)** can attend CLE programs that are four hours or less, and our popular Bridge-the-Gap program, for free. We have moved all of our programming and CLEs online to a virtual platform. Since March, we have offered over 70 CLEs with another 50 scheduled from now until the end of the year. Over 40 CLE programs have been held in response to changes caused by the pandemic. Committees like the Labor and Employment Law Committee and Compliance Committee have organized a series of CLE programs on the effect of the pandemic on business.

FOCUS ON IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

The New York City Bar has increased its focus on in-house counsel in a variety of ways, including offering a discounted membership rate and increasing their participation on committees, thereby adding a diversity of perspectives and providing increased opportunities for law firm attorneys to **meet in-house counsel**.

SHAPING POLICY

Committees participate in **shaping public policy** by commenting on pending legislation, drafting proposed legislation, writing amicus briefs, testifying at hearings and making lobby visits. City Bar reports and policy decisions are communicated to key players at the most impactful times. Our committees have been extremely active in responding to the pandemic and its many implications on the profession, the court system and the people they serve. To date, 40 reports and statements have been issued related to the pandemic, covering topics such as administering the 2020 bar exam, reopening criminal court, immigration, tax-related issues, time limits for the service of legal actions, and recommending a moratorium on debt collection. At the same time, our committees have also kept their focus on other pressing issues. With the renewed focus on policing and racial justice, the City Bar has continued its work to support a fair, equitable and anti-racist criminal justice system.

PRO BONO

The City Bar Justice Center has been a leader in helping small businesses in New York City during the pandemic. In fact, the Justice Center is the go-to destination for 311 referrals of small businesses seeking help on matters like accessing the federal government's stimulus package and other programs. One thousand small businesses have been helped so far by over 900 pro bono volunteers. The Justice Center also launched a program to provide free legal assistance to New York City front-line health care workers in preparing life-planning documents, and ramped up its Legal Hotline to handle the flood of inquiries related to the pandemic.

Members have an opportunity to be trained and volunteer for **pro bono projects** through the City Bar Justice Center. There are also international pro bono projects in human rights, free expression, environment and others through the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice.

The City Bar carries on a wide range of professional and public service activities that not only enhance the legal profession, but also make a difference in people's lives -- all while strengthening your skills and value as an attorney.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The City Bar Office for Diversity & Inclusion 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 with the Diversity and Inclusion group host a number of programs to support excellence in innovation and execution on diversity and inclusion initiatives. 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.

Law firms and 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

From **substantive programs to networking events**, the New York City Bar brings influential speakers in on a variety of topics. The New York City Bar Association's "Rule of Law Forum – Preserving the Rule of Law in an Age of Disruption" featured panels of respected experts from across the political spectrum – including former government officials, judges and scholars – identifying current challenges and threats to the rule of law in America, discussing why they matter and proposing remedies. The City Bar *Professional Development Workshop Series* focuses on topics such as leadership, communication, time management and client development.

SUPPORTING THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Membership in the City Bar supports various programs and services that **benefit society** as a whole and reflect well on the profession such as our ethics hotline and the Lawyer Assistance Program (a free confidential service for attorneys, judges and families struggling with alcohol, drug abuse or mental health issues). The City Bar's Lawyer Assistance Program provides critical support to the legal profession. As just one 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 Took Kit.

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We remain a secure, second home for our members to connect, network, and advance their careers. Join today, and we will waive your one-time admission fee* (a savings of $140 or more) - simply make a semi-annual dues payment to start your membership!

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Recent Law Graduate *(graduated within 2 years and sitting for bar exam/pending admission)*	$60
Resident*	$245
Admitted 2010-and prior	$240
Admitted 2011-2014	$165
Admitted 2015-2016	$130
Admitted 2017-2019	$80
Admitted 2020-2022	$60

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