

Dollars and Sense

Why you can't afford NOT to join...

- Savings on CLE (12/yr) at WCBA member rate of \$32/credit vs. state average \$52/credit
Annual Savings:.....\$200.00+
- Free food! (members invited to attend 4+ Bar meetings, annual picnic, Softball picnic, Bar Banquet, and other social and professional gatherings each year that include a meal; avg. \$50/meal x 10/year)
Annual Savings:.....\$500.00+
- Free room rentals (up to 6x/month) for depositions, client meetings, etc. at Bar office (non-members \$50 1-4 hrs, \$75 for 4+ hours)
Annual Savings:.....\$600.00+
- Savings on "Washington County Reports" legal journal subscription (members receive an e-subscription as part of their dues)
Annual Savings:..... \$75.00

Other benefits for PBA members and/or WCBA/PBA unit-county members:

- Savings on PBA dues (unit-county discount for early payment)
2015 Savings:..... \$31.50
- Savings (estimated) on internet legal research through Casemaker
Annual Savings:..... \$6,000.00
- \$150 in PBI discount coupons and \$30 PBA product/services voucher
Annual Savings:..... \$180.00

...as well as PBA vendor discounts on insurance, office supplies/equipment, car rentals, UPS shipping and more!

More Benefits

- **Business-building referral programs:** Lawyer Referral Service (offset your dues with consultation fees), Pro Bono/Conflict, Modest Means, Limited Rep. Custody
- **Nationally-recognized public education programs:** Classic Law Film Series, Law Day, People's Law School, "Now that You are 18" for H.S. Seniors, PBA-YLD District Mock Trials, Courthouse Tours, Speakers Bureau
- **Professional networking and social activities:** annual Bar Picnic & Steak Fry, Bar Banquet, golf outings, Parties on the Porch at Bar Office, Monthly Member Luncheons
- **Public image projects:** regional tv/radio media campaign, "Lawyers on Ladders" Habitat workdays, "Law Suits Wanted" City Mission clothing drive, Holiday Gift Drive for Children
- **Washington County Reports,** weekly legal journal

The organized Bar is a powerful resource for professional development. Be an active member, and take advantage of all the resources to which your membership entitles you.

Washington County Bar Association

Membership



Practical Support for Members Since 1892

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History & Purpose

The Washington County Bar Association is comprised of 480 attorneys and judges. Nearly 25% of our members are women, 25% are members of the Young Lawyers Division, and 85% maintain a principal office in Washington County.

Incorporated in 1892, the Bar Association is committed to maintaining the honor and dignity of the profession of law, cultivating social relations among its members, and increasing our usefulness in promoting the due administration of justice. We are a “Small Bar with a Big Agenda” and are proud of our record of local and statewide leadership in the organized bar.



**Call for your
membership
application
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“The Bar Office”

Any member may use the conference rooms at the Bar office for depositions and/or client meetings at no charge. At your “office away from your office” you have access to a comfortable Lawyers’ Lounge, wireless internet, a dedicated computer workstation, as well as fax, phone, scanning and color copier services at reduced member-rates. The Bar office is located in downtown Washington in a historic home built in 1850. The facility is owned by the Washington County Bar Foundation, our charitable organization established in 1989. *Please note that the Bar office is not currently handicapped accessible; arrangements can be made for members to utilize Bar office benefits and services.*

Membership

Prospective Active and Associate members must complete an application, which must be signed by three current members before it is submitted. There is no application fee, and dues are not payable until after admission. After your admission is approved by the Association governing board, your name will be published to the general membership.

We offer five types of membership:

- Active members maintain residency or a principal office for the practice of law in Washington County. We have a “unit county” relationship with the PA Bar Association (PBA), and Active members in private practice must also be a member of the PBA (and vice versa).
- Associate members are attorneys licensed in- or out-of-state who do not otherwise qualify for Active membership and are entitled to all rights and privileges of Active membership except the right to vote, hold office and as otherwise limited by bylaws/governing board. Associates are not required to join the PBA.
- Honorary members are all former Active members who are judges of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas or judges of record having jurisdiction in Washington County and all such judges who have retired and are not in the practice of law.
- Senior members are Active members in good standing who have been members of the Association for at least 25 years and who retire from the practice of law and desire to continue membership in the Association.
- Law Student Members are those in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school. A Law Student Member is entitled to all rights and privileges of Active members except the right to vote, to hold office and as otherwise limited by the bylaws/governing board.

Professional Networking

WCBA holds approximately four business meetings per year. Meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month and include a meal at no charge to members. Typically, an accredited CLE program is offered. We offer a full calendar of networking and social activities, as well as opportunities to become involved with charitable community projects and public education efforts.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

An accredited CLE provider, WCBA offers quality, affordable CLE courses throughout the year at Bench-Bar conferences and section and Association meetings. Members pay an average of \$32/credit — the average cost across the state is \$52/credit. In 2013, the Bar Association offered a total of 55 CLE seminars to a total of 1,455 attendees. The Bar Association hosts a local, all-day Bench-Bar Conference in the winter and a “weekend getaway” Bench-Bar conference for members and families in the summer.

Committees & Practice Area Sections

The Association has 10 standing committees and a number of sub-committees. Members are surveyed each fall regarding committee preferences and are encouraged to become involved in at least one committee. There are currently four practice area sections: Family Law; Criminal Law; Real Property, Probate & Trust Law; and Juvenile Law. Dues for each section are \$5 per year. All sections meet at least quarterly and elect officers annually.

Young Lawyers Division (YLD)

Members of the YLD are attorneys who are under 38 years of age and/or have practiced fewer than five years (whichever occurs later). The YLD President and Vice-President serve as full voting members of the Association governing board. YLD members can opt-in to our Mentoring Program, which provides a free meal once per month for a year to foster the mentoring relationship. Our YLD is an active part of the Bar Association. Its members organize the Winter Bench Bar, several social activities (including the annual YLD vs. Senior Bar Softball Challenge) and at least one charity fundraiser each year.