Top 10 Reasons to become an Affiliate Member

Connect with the Local Legal Community. The CMBA is the only organization that supports the entire Greater Cleveland legal community. Through networking, education, events, and business development opportunities, we help bring our profession together and can put you in touch with our more than 5,500 members.

Expand Your Business and Client Base. Build relationships, network and gain referrals through activities and programs, Continuing Legal Education programs, section and committee work, and volunteer projects.

Stay Connected. Members receive the monthly CMBA Bar Journal and the daily CLE Metro Bar Brief email with links and news to keep members informed.

Get Engaged. Affiliate members are welcome to join and become active in committees and sections, contributing to the efforts, education and goals of those groups.

Be a Leader. Showcase your expertise by publishing articles, ads and information in the CMBA Bar Journal or by producing, participating in and presenting seminars or other programs.

Gain Recognition. Your name, address and photo will be included in a special section of the CMBA Legal Directory.

Enjoy Member-Only Benefits. Benefits include discounts at the CMBA (publications, events, advertising and more) as well as around Greater Cleveland through various relationships with local product- and service-providers.

Get Access. As a fellow member, you’ll have access to members-only events and news, allowing you to be in tune with opportunities for increased involvement and business development. High-visibility, member-only sponsorships are available for most CMBA events.

Give Back to the Community. Serve the community by participating in our national award-winning Justice for All Programs such as The 3Rs, Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program, Mock Trial Competitions, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, and more.

Use the CMBA Conference Center. Our new facilities offer you a fresh, competitively priced choice for your meetings, conferences, receptions and more. This newly updated venue offers advanced technology and excellent service to meet your needs and save you money.

As a CMBA member, we invite you to join in our commitment to give back to Greater Cleveland by engaging in the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF).

The CMBF is the charitable arm and partner of the CMBA and raises funds to support the important public outreach activities of the Association, including: The 3Rs; The 3Rs+; Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program; High School Mock Trial Competitions; Pro Se Divorce Clinics; Reach Out Pro Bono for Nonprofits; Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts; Law Day; Louis Stokes Scholars Program; Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy; and the CMBA’s diversity and inclusion initiatives.

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The CMBA is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusiveness within the legal profession, justice system and community. We work diligently to provide our members with meaningful networking opportunities, information and examples of best practices, as well as programs in which members can contribute their time and talent as leaders and mentors through volunteer services.

We encourage you to support the diversity and inclusion initiatives by: becoming a Diversity Circle with an annual gift; providing clerkship and internship opportunities for minority students, contributing charitable gifts to the Louis Stokes Scholars Program, and volunteering to help with diversity and inclusion programs.

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Annual Dues Schedule

Present – June 30, 2020
Enter appropriate amount on Payment Worksheet portion.

Legal Affiliate ($75)
□ Legal Assistant □ Administrator
□ Research Librarian □ Other

Business Affiliate
□ Private Business ($265) □ Nonprofit Organization ($75)

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CMBA Committees
Free to members, the CMBA also offers numerous committees, designed to enhance our members’ professional experience. For more information visit www.CleMetroBar.org/committees

Contributions or gifts to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation may be deductible as a charitable donation for federal income tax purposes. Dues payments to the Association may be deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Dues are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Get Involved – Join a Section or Committee

Becoming a section member further enhances your networking opportunities; provides access to section-specific news, luncheons and events.

Check boxes and enter dues amount on Payment Worksheet below.

□ Alternative Dispute Resolution ($25)
□ Bankruptcy and Commercial Law ($35)
□ Business, Banking & Corporate Counsel ($35)
□ Criminal Law ($25)
□ Cyber Security—NEW ($35)
□ Environmental Law ($35)
□ Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law ($35)
□ Family Law ($35)
□ Government Attorneys ($25)
□ Health Care Law ($35)
□ Insurance Law ($25)
□ International Law (includes Immigration Law) ($35)
□ Labor and Employment Law ($35)
□ Litigation ($35)
□ Real Estate Law ($35)
□ Small Firm & Sole Practitioner ($25)
□ Social Security & Disability ($25)
□ Women In Law ($35)
□ Workers’ Compensation ($25)
□ Young Lawyers ($25)

Payment Worksheet

MEMBERSHIP DUES $ ____________
SECTION DUES $ ____________

Order 2019-2020 Legal Directory □ 36.99 (Pick Up)
S/H (option for print orders only) □ 45.99 (Shipped)
All prices include appropriate sales tax.

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION □ $35.00

TOTAL $ ____________

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Who can be an affiliate member?

Any person who is not admitted to practice law in Ohio or another state or territory of the U.S., and is engaged in employment or self employment of a law-related nature may apply for status as an affiliate member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

Affiliate Member Types

Legal Affiliate
Non-lawyer who is employed by a law firm, law department, law school, etc. Examples include: Legal Assistants, Administrators and Research Librarians.

Business Affiliate
Non-lawyer, not employed by a law firm or department, yet consistently conducts business with attorneys and legal entities.

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