

The Bar Around The Corner: Broome County Bar Association



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Website: www.bcbar.org (currently under reconstruction)

Founded: 1906

Number of Members: 545

Brief Association Vision: Advance the science of jurisprudence, promote reforms in the law, facilitate the administration of justice, serve the public, elevate the standards of integrity, honor and competence in the legal profession, particularly of the practicing lawyer, and promote a spirit of collegiality among its members.

Brief History: The BCBA was incorporated in 1906 with 63 members. In 2015, the BCBA has 545 members. A pictorial history of the BCBA can be seen by walking through the hallways of the Broome County Courthouse where many bar association composite photographs grace the walls.

In May 1928, the members authorized a contribution of \$250 to the headquarters of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) in Albany.

Thus, the BCBA took tangible cognizance of the importance of NYSBA to the attorneys of the state and values its continuing relationship with NYSBA.

Over the years, we have seen many changes in our organization and the way we practice law. But, in many ways, our organization and practice has remained the same. We proudly continue the traditions of the BCBA, addressing the needs and interests of our members, providing top-notch continuing legal education, recognizing the achievements of our members and offering social events to encourage an atmosphere of collegiality and mutual respect among our members. We have shown significant accomplishments, both in the interests of the legal profession and of the public, to whose service the profession is dedicated.

How has your membership over the years helped to improve your association? The members of the BCBA often exhibit small town characteristics, with old fashioned values of hard work, integrity, dedication to the highest ideals of the profession and a refreshing collegiality that is not often found in this age of computer technology, increased requirements for practice



Bar associates—Officers of the Broome County Bar pause for a photo recently. Back row L-R: Peter DeWind; Jason Carlton; Christopher Pogson; Lauren Saleeby (State Bar delegate); Carol Cassidy; Daniel Reynolds; Wayne Chariff. Front row L-R: Harvey Shapiro; Judith Osburn (vice-president); Rachel Abbott (State Bar alternate delegate); Nancy Kline (treasurer); Paul Battisti (president); Dawn Lanouette (immediate past president).

and client demand for instantaneous response. Our members continuously give of themselves, providing many services and programs and sharing their knowledge, experience and time with each other and the intertwined communities in which they reside and raise their families.

What is your association's most pressing concern regarding the legal profession? Perhaps the greatest change to the practice of law in the past 25 years is the overwhelming march of

technology. The proper use of technology is necessary just to stay in the game, let alone get ahead of the game. The BCBA consistently attempts to find ways to help our members build a strong technological foundation that will make their firms, as well as their interaction with the BCBA, more efficient, organized and successful. ♦

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