

NYSBA 2014 Dues Waiver Program

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
DUES WAIVER PROGRAM:**

As the oldest and largest voluntary state bar association in the nation, the New York State Bar Association owes its long-standing strength to the diversity of its membership.

The Dues Waiver Program is intended to help its members by providing assistance to attorneys whose financial circumstances are such that full payment of membership dues would pose a financial hardship. Situations which would merit a dues waiver include:

- unemployment or low income constraints
- time out from practice for family or health reasons
- reduced income based upon extraordinary practice or business losses

Current or prospective members of the New York State Bar Association are eligible to apply for dues waivers. **Participation in the program is limited to two consecutive membership years**, absent extenuating circumstances.

Those who wish to apply for a dues waiver must complete this application and sign the certification. All dues waiver applications are treated confidentially.

In the year following one's participation in the program, members will receive an invoice for the full dues amount. The Dues Waiver Program operates on an annual basis, and may be terminated at the close of any calendar year.

Dues Waiver Program participants are entitled to all NYSBA benefits of membership as provided under the bylaws.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

I certify that:

Full dues payment would pose a financial hardship.

I am not a public official.

A government employee who is a public official is not eligible for a dues waiver because the Association is a lobbying organization and cannot offer to him or her any benefit of more than nominal value. A "public official," as defined by the lobbying act, is basically a state employee or an employee of a municipality with a population of more than 50,000, but excludes an employee of the judiciary.

Signature _____

Please Print Name _____

Date _____

HOW ARE DUES WAIVERS DETERMINED?

After determining the regular Association membership dues amount, applicants may apply for a **25 percent or 50 percent** waiver. All dues waiver applicants are requested to pay a minimum of one-half the regular dues for their membership category. Applicants should submit a note explaining the reason for their request and complete the certification.

In exceptional circumstances, where even these reduced dues levels prove difficult, applicants must submit a note with this application that explains their extenuating circumstances, and suggest whatever payment is manageable.

2014 Membership Dues Category		Payment with 25% waiver	Payment with 50% waiver
ACTIVE/ASSOCIATE IN-STATE ATTORNEY MEMBERSHIP			
Admitted 2006 and prior	\$275.00	\$206.25	\$137.50
Admitted 2007-2008	\$185.00	\$138.75	\$ 92.50
Admitted 2009-2010	\$125.00	\$ 93.75	\$ 62.50
Admitted 2011-2013	\$ 60.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00
ACTIVE/ASSOCIATE OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEY MEMBERSHIP			
Admitted 2006 and prior	\$180.00	\$135.00	\$ 90.00
Admitted 2007-2008	\$150.00	\$112.50	\$ 75.00
Admitted 2009-2010	\$120.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00
Admitted 2011-2013	\$ 60.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00
DEFINITIONS			
<i>Active In-State = Attorneys admitted in NYS, residing in NYS</i>			
<i>Associate In-State = Attorneys not admitted in NYS, residing in NYS</i>			
<i>Active Out-of-State = Attorneys admitted in NYS, residing outside NYS</i>			
<i>Associate Out-of-State = Attorneys not admitted in NYS, residing outside NYS</i>			
<i>Class based on first year of admission to bar of any state.</i>			
<i>Membership year runs January through December.</i>			

Please complete the form on the reverse side and return to:

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
STATE BAR SERVICE CENTER**
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E-mail: sbasc@nysba.org
www.nysba.org

NYSBA 2014 Dues Waiver Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

- As a current NYSBA member, I would like to apply for a dues waiver for 2014. I certify that full dues payment would pose a financial hardship.
- I would like to become a member of the New York State Bar Association, and apply for a dues waiver for 2014. (Please include proof of admission to the practice of law.) I certify that full dues payment would pose a financial hardship.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Membership ID# _____

The above address is my: () office () home () both

Office phone () _____

Home phone () _____

E-mail address _____

Fax number () _____

Date of birth _____

Original Admission to the Bar: Date _____ State _____

Other states and dates of Bar Admittance: _____

Law school _____

Graduation date _____

DUES WAIVER REQUESTED:

Based upon the membership dues categories, I would like to request the following dues waiver:

(Percentages to be waived can be 25 percent or 50 percent. Please submit a note explaining your circumstances.)

See reduced payment chart.

Normal dues amount: \$ _____

Requested dues waiver of _____ %

Dues payment with waiver: \$ _____

Section dues \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SECTION DUES:

Section dues are not covered by the Dues Waiver Program.

- Antitrust \$ 30.
- Business Law 25.
- Commercial & Federal Litigation 40.
- Corporate Counsel 30.
- Criminal Justice 35.
- Dispute Resolution 35.
- Elder Law 30.
- Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law 35.
- Environmental Law 35.
- Family Law 35.
- Food, Drug & Cosmetic Law 25.
- General Practice 25.
- Health Law 30.
- Intellectual Property Law 30.
- International 35.
- Judicial 25.
- Labor & Employment Law 35.
- Municipal Law 30.
- Real Property Law 40.
(Attorneys admitted 2008-2013 are half price)
- Senior Lawyers (Attorneys age 55 and over) 20.
- Tax 25.
- Torts, Insurance, & Compensation Law 40.
- Trial Lawyers 30.
- Trusts & Estates Law 40.
- Young Lawyers (Attorneys admitted less than 10 years) 20.

SECTION DUES SUBTOTAL \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

() Check () VISA () MasterCard () AMEX () Discover

Card Number:

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Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

Membership dues for the New York State Bar Association are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes. However, dues may be deductible as a business expense. **Please Note: Participation in the Dues Waiver Program is limited to two consecutive membership years, absent extenuating circumstances.**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Contributions to The New York Bar Foundation are tax deductible as charitable contributions. Membership dues to the New York State Bar Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. The NYSBA estimates that the non-deductible portion of your 2014 dues which is allocated to lobbying is approximately 2.0%. Portions of your dues payment are allocated toward the annual publication subscriptions for the following: *NYSBA Journal*, \$14.75; *New York State Law Digest* \$6.25; *State Bar News* \$7.25.