

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION



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It's *YOUR* Bar Association!

Why become a bar association leader?

- To **benefit the legal profession and your community** by promoting increased pro bono service, advancing legal procedural and substantive reforms, and increasing professional as well as judicial standards.
- To **benefit your bar association** by advancing its projects, by identifying and initiating new projects that benefit the association and by giving your association more visibility.
- To **benefit your legal practice** through networking, demonstrating your skills, expanding your knowledge, influencing legal developments.
- To **benefit yourself** by making friends, meeting colleagues, obtaining CLE credit, providing satisfaction, achievement and outlets.

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You can become a bar leader, and we'll tell you **how** to do it.

Join the New York State Bar Association and one or more specialty or local bar associations. Don't **just** be a member, become an active member. Here's how to start on the leadership track — and then climb further:

- Join one or more NYSBA Sections.
- Join one or more committees (NYSBA Committees and/or Section committees).
- Within your local or specialty bar association, volunteer for a committee or a project.
- Attend Section/Committee meetings/events and work on their projects. Bring ideas. Speak up at the events and/or

to the Committee leadership and talk to NYSBA staff and Executive Committee liaisons.

- Write for publications of NYSBA or a Committee or Section.
- Participate in CLE panels organized by NYSBA or a Committee or Section.

Once you have become engaged in bar association activities, demonstrated your ability and raised your profile, consider the available leadership positions. If active in a local association or a NYSBA Section, speak to its leaders or liaisons about becoming a leader within that association/Section, or representing that association/Section in NYSBA.

Specifically, consider the following opportunities:

- **Local or specialty bar association**— Seek to become an executive committee member or officer and then to represent your judicial district in the State Bar House of Delegates.
- **NYSBA Section**— Seek election to the Section’s executive committee, and, ultimately, seek to become an officer and/or Section representative in the House of Delegates.
- **NYSBA Committees**— Seek to become Committee vice-chair or chair.
- **NYSBA House of Delegates**— The House of Delegates manages the business and affairs of NYSBA, determines its policies and develops positions on issues that affect the law and the legal profession. The House meets four times a year on Friday mornings, in April (generally in Albany), June (in Cooperstown), November (in Albany) and the following January (in New York City). Most Members of the House of Delegates are selected by county or local bar associations or NYSBA Sections, although some are nominated by the Nominating Committee or appointed by the NYSBA President.

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- **NYSBA Nominating Committee**— The Nominating Committee develops a slate of nominees to serve as NYSBA Officers, at large members of the Executive Committee, elected Delegates to the House of Delegates and next year’s at large members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee meets twice a year in September (in New York City) and in November (in Albany).
 - **NYSBA Executive Committee**— Its members are primarily chosen by, and represent, the individual judicial districts. In addition, eight Executive Committee members, including two who are specifically designated as minority representatives, are elected at large. NYSBA Officers also serve on the Executive Committee, and all members of the Executive Committee serve in the NYSBA House of Delegates. The Executive Committee meets at least four times a year, prior to the meeting of the NYSBA House of Delegates.
 - **NYSBA Officers**— Officers include Vice Presidents elected from each judicial district, as well as the Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect (who presides over the House of Delegates) and President. Each Officer also serves on the NYSBA Executive Committee and in the NYSBA House of Delegates.
 - **NYSBA Members of the American Bar Association House of Delegates**— The ABA House of Delegates is the policy-making body of the ABA. Its members are chosen by, and represent, state bar associations, major local bar associations and ABA Sections. New York has the largest state delegation in the ABA House, and NYSBA representatives comprise about one-third of the New York delegation. Each NYSBA Member of the ABA House of Delegates also serves in the NYSBA House of Delegates.

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