

# MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

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 Office address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Preferred mailing address:  Office  Home  
 Law school: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of earliest admission to any bar: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP DUES CATEGORIES—Includes membership in one section of your choice.

Membership is calculated on earliest date of admission to any bar. If eligible for special categories, check appropriate box.

- Admitted to bar 2006..... \$75
- Admitted to bar 2002–2005 ..... \$150
- Admitted to bar 1997–2001 ..... \$250
- Admitted to bar 1996 or earlier..... \$300
- Life member (50 years or more at bar)..... \$0
- Sitting Massachusetts and federal judiciary..... \$0
- Law student..... \$35

Special Categories..... \$150

If eligible for special categories, check appropriate box.

- Government attorney (full-time government employee or legislator)
- Law professor (teaching full-time; not in private practice)
- Legal services attorney (staff attorney in a legal service office)
- Out-of-state attorney (attorney's principal office is located outside MA)
- Affiliated professional (non-lawyer, e.g. social worker, doctor, vendor, etc.)
- Paralegal/legal assistant (full-time paralegal or legal assistant)
- Retired

Become an MBA Sustaining Member ..... \$450

Please consider becoming a Sustaining Member. By investing in the MBA, you make it a more effective voice for the bar and help support the MBA Legal Internship Program. The MBA will publicly acknowledge your status as a Sustaining Member in *Lawyers Journal* and in other ways.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (from dues category above)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECTION CHOICE(S):

Your annual dues include one free section of your choice. To enroll in any additional sections at a cost of \$50 each, please indicate by writing "\$50" on the line provided. Then write your new dues subtotal at right before completing the form.

- AJ Access to Justice \_\_\_\_\_
- BL Business Law \_\_\_\_\_
- CL Civil Litigation \_\_\_\_\_
- CJ Criminal Justice \_\_\_\_\_
- FL Family Law \_\_\_\_\_
- HL Health Law \_\_\_\_\_
- IR Individual Rights & Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_
- JA Judicial Administration \_\_\_\_\_
- LE Labor & Employment \_\_\_\_\_
- LP Law Practice Management \_\_\_\_\_
- PL Probate Law \_\_\_\_\_
- PR Property Law \_\_\_\_\_
- PU Public Law \_\_\_\_\_
- SL Senior Lawyers \_\_\_\_\_
- TA Taxation \_\_\_\_\_
- \*YL Young Lawyers \_\_\_\_\_

#### \*COMPLIMENTARY SECTION:

Members admitted to the bar between 1996 and 2006 automatically receive Young Lawyers (YL) section free. Choose another section from list at right.

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**DUES SUBTOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

#### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Please help support the law-related education programs of the Massachusetts Bar Institute, such as Mock Trial, Elder Law Education, Conversations and Job Shadow. Your gift is deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

\$10  \$25  \$50  other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED† \$**

Paying by check? Make check payable to Massachusetts Bar Association.

†NOTE: MBA dues and gifts are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense, subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. The MBA estimates that the non-deductible portion of your dues allocable to lobbying is 5 percent.

Dues effective 4/30/06 for membership through 8/31/07.

**DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

# THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Massachusetts Bar Association has great value for legal professionals through a wide range of exclusive services, programs and discounts plans. Below is an overview of what you will receive by becoming a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association:

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**Committee on Professional Ethics:** Advises attorneys, at no charge, on ethical problems encountered in practice. Call (617) 338-0641 or e-mail [jstevens@massbar.org](mailto:jstevens@massbar.org).

**Fee Arbitration Board:** Provides resolution of disputes involving lawyers' fees. The board resolves both lawyer-client disputes and lawyer-lawyer disputes. Forms and documents for fee arbitration are available online at: [www.MassBar.org/resources/FAB/](http://www.MassBar.org/resources/FAB/). Call (617) 338-0646 or e-mail [dantonio@massbar.org](mailto:dantonio@massbar.org) or [fab@massbar.org](mailto:fab@massbar.org).

**Lawyer Referral Service:** One of the largest referral services of its kind in the U.S. Sign up annually for \$100 (\$75 if admitted to bar in last five years). Call (617) 338-0556 or e-mail [lrs@massbar.org](mailto:lrs@massbar.org).

**Mentor Program:** MBA members who have been in practice more than seven years may volunteer to help other lawyers by offering advice in new or unfamiliar areas of law. Service is free to MBA members. Call (617) 338-0691 or e-mail [mentor@massbar.org](mailto:mentor@massbar.org).

**Model Fee Agreements:** Developed by the Fee Arbitration Board to facilitate committing fee agreements to writing. Agreements are available for criminal representation and domestic-relations cases for a basic hourly rate. Call (617) 338-0646 or e-mail [dantonio@massbar.org](mailto:dantonio@massbar.org).

## NEW & IMPROVED CASEMAKER ONLINE LAW LIBRARY

The Casemaker Online Law Library is a fully searchable, continually updated, online law library that is free for members only through the MBA's Web site, [www.MassBar.org/casemaker](http://www.MassBar.org/casemaker). There are no monthly or hourly usage fees, and access is unlimited, 24 hours a day. In addition to an extensive array of Massachusetts and federal case law, opinions, statutes and regulations, Casemaker now includes the Bankruptcy Code 2005 revision, links to federal court forms, nationwide collections and SuperCode. SuperCode automatically lists session law enactments available to help the user determine whether the later enactments alter the applicable law. The libraries of 25 other state bar associations are accessible, including all New England states, with no added cost.

## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

The MBA is committed to enhancing members' professionalism and expertise by providing high-quality continuing legal education (CLE) programs and publications, sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Institute. Members receive discounts on tuition for most programs. Call (617) 338-0530 or e-mail [education@massbar.org](mailto:education@massbar.org).

## INSURANCE PROGRAMS

**MBA Insurance Agency:** Members may purchase professional liability insurance through this subsidiary of the MBA. Members in Worcester and east should call the Boston office at (617) 338-0581; members west of Worcester should call the MBA Springfield office at (413) 788-7878 or e-mail [insurance@massbar.org](mailto:insurance@massbar.org).

**401K and Pension Plans:** To establish 401K and pension plans for law firms of any size or for a no-cost review of your current plans, please call our specialists at (800) 749-2118. This is a unique opportunity for members to get the advice they need for these critical benefit plans.

**MBA-endorsed Insurance Plans:** Members can take advantage of the following insurance programs: group health, group and individual life,

disability, long-term care, dental and business-overhead expense. Call (800) 925-2198 or e-mail [membership@massbar.org](mailto:membership@massbar.org).

**Personal Auto Insurance Program:** Members can receive an automatic 5 percent discount on their auto-insurance policies, written by Safety Insurance Co. C. J. McCarthy Insurance Agency Inc., the MBA Insurance Agency's partner, offers a quick-quote service with the highest level of customer service. Call toll-free (877) 236-3700 or e-mail [info@cjmccarthy.com](mailto:info@cjmccarthy.com).

## PUBLICATIONS

**Exclusive periodicals:** All members receive the monthly newspaper *Lawyers Journal* as well as the respected *Massachusetts Law Review* (4 times per year) and *Section Review* (3 times per year). In addition, all members who provide e-mail addresses receive the weekly *Lawyers e-Journal* newsletter.

**CLE publications:** Massachusetts Bar Institute offers publications on a wide array of substantive legal topics. Available at a discount to MBA members. Call (617) 338-0530 or e-mail [membership@massbar.org](mailto:membership@massbar.org).

**Opinions of the Committee on Professional Ethics:** Individual opinions from 1973 can be found on the MBA's Web site at [www.MassBar.org/resources/ethical\\_inquiries/](http://www.MassBar.org/resources/ethical_inquiries/).

To keep you updated, the MBA offers subscriptions to *The Opinions of the Committee on Professional Ethics*, which automatically entitles you to receive opinions published throughout the year. Your subscription also includes a copy of the *Rules of Professional Conduct* and all of the opinions published since new rules went into effect Jan. 1, 1998. For more information please call (617) 338-0530 or e-mail [membership@massbar.org](mailto:membership@massbar.org).

*As stated in the Rules of Committee on Professional Ethics, the advice given is that of a committee without official governmental status. Recommendations put forth by the committee have no binding force, although each successive Bar Counsel has stated publicly that they would not initiate disciplinary action against lawyers who follow the committee's advice after having presented all of the relevant facts.*

## BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS

MBA members are eligible for discounts on car rentals, engraving and printing, credit card rates and overnight delivery from companies such as DHL, Artcraft, Avis, Budget Rent-A-Car, Hertz and MBNA.

The **Online Legal Career Center** lets job-seekers post their resumes, search for jobs locally or nationwide, get career advice and more. And for employers, the Career Center offers low pricing on job listings, resume search services and more.

For complete details, visit: [www.MassBar.org/membership](http://www.MassBar.org/membership), call (617) 338-0530 or e-mail [membership@massbar.org](mailto:membership@massbar.org).

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