

The Bar Association of Baltimore City 2009-2010 Committee Interest Form

Membership *alone* in the BABC can be a meaningful and valuable contribution to the legal profession and justice programs in Baltimore City. Membership connects lawyers with each other, judges, the community, and developing legal practice issues. Membership *also* brings you the opportunity to participate in one or more of the following committees -- so, please consider joining in the Association's committee work, by indicating your order of preference below. Please make the commitment now.

Name _____ Telephone: _____ Fax _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

STANDING COMMITTEES

(Please number selections in order of preference)

_____ **BENCH/BAR** Working through a variety of subcommittees, this Committee maintains a dialogue between lawyers and judges in order to plan, promote, and implement the effective administration of justice in the courts.

_____ **BUDGET & FINANCE** Assists the Association's Executive Director and its Treasurer in the budgeting process, establishing policy concerning the finances of the Association, and plans for the financial stability of the Association.

_____ **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND EVENTS** Has responsibility for planning the legal educational programming and social events for the Association.

_____ **FEE ARBITRATION** Oversees the operation of the fee arbitration program which seeks to resolve fee disputes between clients and attorneys and between attorneys.

_____ **JUDICIAL SELECTIONS** Reviews and evaluates candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies and submits its recommendations to the Judicial Nominating Commission and the Governor.

_____ **LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE** Evaluates the policies, administration, publicity and effectiveness of the LRIS to insure that the public is well served and that the LRIS is beneficial to our members.

_____ **LEGISLATION** Takes an active part in the legislative process through the review of pending legislation; the submission to the Association's Executive Council for approval to take action on bills which most directly affect our members; and contact the members of the General Assembly when and where appropriate.

_____ **LONG RANGE PLANNING** Reviews and evaluates the effectiveness and feasibility of the Association's present programs and makes recommendations for future Association projects pursuant to its development of a strategic plan.

_____ **MEMBERSHIP** Works to increase the Association's membership as well as to identify benefits and services which the Association may provide to its members.

_____ **PRO BONO AND ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES** Seeks to carry forward our active commitment to insure that all persons have access to the courts. This committee will also focus on the local pro bono plan for Baltimore City.

_____ **PROFESSIONAL ETHICS** Prepares advisory opinions for our members and evaluates proposed changes to the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct, as well as operates the Ethics Hotline.

_____ **TECHNOLOGY** Is responsible for keeping members informed about technological development and upcoming trends, and assisting Bar headquarters in maintaining the Association's website and in updating its technological needs.

NAME _____

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(Please number selections in order of preference)

_____ **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION** Promotes professional and public awareness of alternatives to judicial dispute resolution and in the implementation of a pre-judicial adjudication mediation program.

_____ **ELDERLY LEGAL SERVICES** Works with the Legal Services to the Elderly Program and provides assistance with various aspects of the Program, including volunteer recruitment, CLE programs, publicity, legislation, studies issues affecting the elderly population of Baltimore City, and recommends systemic change and effective advocacy for Baltimore City's elderly population.

_____ **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERS** Addresses the special professional and career development needs of lawyers who work for federal, state, local government, or public interest law firms.

_____ **HISTORICAL** Develops and maintains historical records of the Association, provides support for the Museum of Baltimore Legal History, and organizes the Annual Memorial Ceremony to pay tribute to members of the Baltimore Bar who died during the preceding year.

_____ **SPONSORSHIP** Develops levels and benefits for the Association's corporate and law firm sponsorship program, secures sponsors, and works with Bar staff in planning annual sponsor recognition lunch.

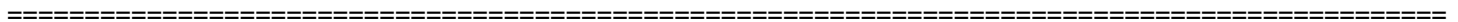
SUBSTANTIVE LAW COMMITTEES

(Please number selections in order of preference)

Substantive Law Committees provide a forum for networking with attorneys in same practice area. In addition, these committees provide education and review legislation relative to the respective practice area.

___ Criminal ___ Business ___ Family

___ Federal Practice ___ Worker's Compensation



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