



# The Bar Association of Baltimore City 2022-2023 Committee Interest Form

Membership in the BABC can be a meaningful and valuable contribution to the legal profession and the administration of justice in Baltimore City. Membership connects lawyers with each other, judges and the community; it also assists lawyers with legal practice issues. Membership also brings you the opportunity to participate in one or more of BABC's committees. Please consider joining in the Association's committee work by indicating your committee preference.

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Please indicate below the committees on which you are interested in serving in order of preference (1, 2, 3...)

Are you willing to serve on more than one Committee?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, maximum number of committee appointments you will accept. \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Dispute Resolution
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bench-Bar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business Litigation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continuing Legal Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communications and News Journal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Courting Art
- \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diversity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Estates and Trusts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ Government and Public Interest Lawyers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health & Well Being
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historical
- \_\_\_\_\_ Law Firm Sponsorship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lawyer Referral and Information Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ LGBTQ+
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legislation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Injury Litigation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pro Bono and Access to Legal Services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Ethics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Legal Services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Solo/Small Office Practitioner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Technology
- \_\_\_\_\_ Workers' Compensation

**See committee descriptions on second page. Thank you for your interest in serving!**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Standing Committees are permanent committees of the Association. The creation or elimination of Standing Committees may only take place via a bylaw amendment. The Chairs of the Standing Committees are voting members of the Association's Executive Council.**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution** - Promotes professional and public awareness of alternatives to judicial dispute resolution.

**Bench-Bar** - Maintains a dialogue between lawyers and judges in order to plan, promote, and implement the effective administration of justice in the courts. This Committee also has an active District Court Subcommittee.

**Continuing Legal Education** - Has responsibility for planning legal educational programming.

**Communication and News Journal** - The primary responsibility of this committee is the publication of the BABC's news journal, The Baltimore Barrister.

**Events** - Has responsibility for planning the social events for the Association.

**Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS)** - 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** - Actively tracks and reports on recently enacted statutes and ordinances of interest to the Associations' members; reviews pending legislation and, when appropriate, recommends to the Executive Council that the Association take a position on a bill; and, when requested, presents testimony and/or position papers to the members of the General Assembly on pending legislation.

**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** - Implements and promotes an active commitment to insure that all persons have access to the legal system and access to justice.

**Professional Ethics** - Prepares advisory opinions for our members, evaluates proposed changes to the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct and operates the Ethics Hotline.

**Technology** - Has responsibility 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.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**The President of the BABC appoints such special committees deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Association and to serve the needs of the members and the public.**

**Courting Art** – Courting Art is a program that promotes youth artwork, connects the legal community with local communities of Baltimore City, and aims to reduce stress and anxiety for litigants and visitors by beautifying local courthouses. Led by the Baltimore Bar Foundation, Inc. and the Bar Association of Baltimore City, the contest is open to all Baltimore City public high school students. The theme of the contest is "We are Baltimore." The contest entails a submission of a painting, drawing, or other two-dimensional work of art.

**Diversity** - Promotes and supports diversity in the legal profession and the Association with respect to race, gender, religion, national origin and sexual orientation.

**Government and 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.

**Health & Well Being** - Health and wellness is a key component for any profession. The stress and pressures that members of the legal community face are particularly destabilizing. This community will help promote wellness, while providing awareness and education to our membership as it pertains to physical and mental health and ensuring that we provide a supportive network in which those colleagues that need some support know where they can confidentially receive it.

**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 passed away during the preceding year.

**Law Firm Sponsorship** - Explores revenue sources, other than membership dues to bolster the good works and goals of the Association.

**LGBTQ+** - The LGBTQ Committee is an inclusive group of professionals whose goal is to increase awareness of legal issues affecting the LGBTQ community, to encourage involvement in the LGBTQ community, and to facilitate discussions and strategic initiatives to advance LGBTQ rights.

**Senior Legal Services** - Works in an advisory capacity with BABC's Senior Legal Services program, which provides pro bono legal services to low income Baltimore City residents age 60+. Plans an annual Law Day for Seniors and ensures implementation of the program's strategic plan to include outreach, education, and fundraising support.

**Solo/Small Office Practitioner** - The Solo/Small Office Practitioner Committee is devoted to the work of this practice group. Its mission is to create a forum for the exchange of best practices in business, financial management and client service. The committee sponsors a wide range of CLE programs and other forums specifically focused on the needs of interests of solo practitioners and members of small law firms.

## **SUBSTANTIVE LAW COMMITTEES**

**The President of the BABC appoints such substantive law committees deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Association, Substantive law committees provide a forum for networking with attorneys in same practice areas, provide educational opportunities, and review legislation that affects the practice of law in substantive areas.**

Business Litigation  
Family Law

Criminal Law  
Personal Injury Litigation

Estates and Trusts  
Workers' Compensation