TOP 10 BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION
WHEN YOU JOIN THE PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION — the oldest association of lawyers in the United States — you’ll open up a new world of opportunity to connect with colleagues and members of the judiciary, grow your practice and thrive in your profession.

With 9 substantive practice sections and more than 100 committees, you’ll have a unique opportunity to meet and network with colleagues in every possible area of practice. You’ll interact with people who can help advance your career.

You’ll also have the opportunity to take advantage of Chancellor’s Forums, panel presentations, meetings and special events, including our Quarterly and Annual Meetings, our Bench-Bar & Annual Conference and our many CLE courses.

Within our Young Lawyers Division or as part of one of our many pro bono or public service programs, you will test the broad range of your interests and make valuable contributions to the community while sharing in the proud legacy of the Philadelphia lawyer.

Our monthly Philadelphia Bar Reporter newspaper and The Philadelphia Lawyer quarterly magazine offer you a wealth of information in print and digital versions that
will keep you connected to our professional family day after day.

Plus, our legislative program — including special consultants — will champion your interests to lawmakers at City Hall, in Harrisburg and in Washington.

You will also enjoy a wide range of commercial discount programs that will increase the value of your membership. For more information, please see page 10.

The Association serves the interests of the Philadelphia legal community, which includes lawyers, judges, paralegals, law students and other legal professionals.

**LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE**

The Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) has been serving the public and the Philadelphia legal community for more than 60 years. Each year, tens of thousands of area residents and businesses turn to LRIS for direction with their legal problems and to be referred to attorneys in private practice.

Attorneys listed receive referrals in more than 150 practice areas. LRIS is an important business development resource for members of the Association. Members are welcome to apply for panel membership. Applicants must be in practice at least one year, carry professional liability insurance, meet LRIS requirements with regard to disciplinary status and satisfy certain experience requirements for some panels. Full details and required application forms are available at PhiladelphiaBar.org.
The Philadelphia Bar Association is a state-wide provider of Continuing Legal Education. We offer high-quality, low-cost and innovative CLE courses covering the latest issues, legislation and regulations at member-exclusive, discounted rates. As an added benefit, Association membership awards six free CLE credits offered as three, two-credit courses.

The Continuing Legal Education Department collaborates with Association membership and leadership, and influential legal, business and educational professionals in and around the Philadelphia region. We produce topical course content with diverse subject matter and faculty, and we are dedicated to finding the delicate balance between quality CLE programming and bold outside partnership initiatives.

Fresh ideas and energy are vital to our success. We foster collaboration among individual members, sections and committees to develop our programming, maximizing attendance and encourage networking and camaraderie. In addition, we regularly partner with the courts, affinity bar associations, law firms, business organizations and sponsors to plan and create high-quality CLE courses.

For questions regarding how to submit a program for CLE credit, CLE program ideas or faculty suggestions, please contact the Director of Continuing Legal Education at 215.238.6349 or tphoenix@philabar.org.

The Professional Guidance Committee has a two-pronged approach in assisting members with ethical dilemmas and questions. The Committee maintains an ethics hotline that is administered by a licensed Pennsylvania attorney and has handled in excess of 15,000 calls since the hotline’s inception in January 1987. He addresses not only ethics but risk management and professionalism questions. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to these complex and ever-changing areas of the law that are so important to all practicing attorneys.

In addition to the hotline, a senior staff attorney serves as counsel to the Professional Guidance Committee which provides Bar Association members with formal written opinions from the Committee on ethical issues pertaining to their own conduct in the future. Formal opinions issued by the Committee since 1987 can be found on the Association’s
website. The identity of hotline callers as well as those requesting formal opinions is held in the strictest confidence. The monthly meetings of the Committee are conducted in confidence and in closed session, except in such cases as the Committee otherwise specifically determines. The Committee, in its discretion, may publish its opinions, without the names of the persons involved.

**RESOLVE FEE DISPUTES**
The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Fee Disputes Committee has two programs designed to resolve disagreements over legal fees. **The Lawyer-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program** is a free service that handles disagreements between clients and lawyers over fees charged for legal representation. The Program offers two methods to help clients and attorneys resolve their disagreements: mediation and arbitration. **The Lawyer Fee Dispute Resolution Program** seeks to resolve disagreements between lawyers over legal fees out of court and at a low cost. Mediation and/or arbitration is offered to parties who request the services of this program.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER**
The Philadelphia Bar Association is unique among metropolitan bar associations in its commitment to a comprehensive legislative action program. Association members have opportunities to affect governmental decision-making at the federal, state and local levels. Association Sections and Committees have the opportunity to review city, state and federal legislation and to make suggestions regarding legislation of interest. Sections and Committees are often called upon to take a proactive stance by assisting in the drafting of legislation, and are sometimes the impetus for initiating legislation.

In order for legislators to understand the interests and needs of their constituency, they need to hear from you directly. You can make a difference in legislative outcomes and be successful in directing the actions of your legislators by being in direct communication with them. The Philadelphia Bar Association has made that process as simple as possible by including an automated electronic communication vehicle in the Legislative Action Center at philadelphiabar.org.
Productivity and financial wellness are inextricably intertwined. A well-constructed right retirement plan, coupled with individualized, professional advice and guidance can improve your firm’s overall financial wellness. This should lead to better outcomes for you, your employees; and, ultimately, your clients.

How do we help you create the right retirement plan and provide you, your attorneys and your staff with individualized, professional advice and guidance? We’ve partnered with BPU Investment Management, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC, an SEC federally registered investment advisor (BPU) and Professional Capital Services (PCS) to provide you and your firm with an unbundled, institutionally priced, conflict-free suite of retirement plan services.

Both BPU and PCS are CEFEX (www.cefex.org) Certified. This means that from both an investment and plan administration practices perspective, both firms, as verified via an ISO 19011 standard annual audit, adhere to the fiduciary best practices standards in their respective industries. From plan design, to Investment Policy Statement, asset allocation, investment selection and monitoring, record-keeping, administration, advice and guidance, both BPU and PCS will always act exclusively in your best interest.
SPECIALIZED INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Designed for Philadelphia Bar Association members by USI Affinity®

Lawyers Professional Liability

- 5% premium discount for Bar Association membership
- Prior Acts Coverage
- Broad Consent to Settle Clause
- Continuity of Coverage (special conditions apply — see policy for details)
- Limits up to $10 million
- Local expertise in defending claims
- Underwriting credit for attendance at Risk Management seminars

Health Insurance

- Broad array of health insurance programs that can be customized for your particular needs, including HMOs, PPOs, POS and high-deductible plans paired with health savings accounts (HSAs)
- Stand-alone dental and vision coverage

Life Insurance

- Term Life plans at competitive group rates
- Spouses, domestic partners and employees also eligible

Long Term Care and Disability Programs

- Individually underwritten programs from a variety of carriers best suited to your particular needs as an attorney

Voluntary programs for your employees including:

- Dental, Life Insurance, Vision, Serious Illness, and Supplemental Long and Short Term Disability

Other Coverage Available:

- Cyber Liability- Protect against data breach and cyber-attacks with coverage specifically tailored for law firms
- Worker’s Compensation and Business Insurance- Coverage created for law firms, this program provides excellent worker’s compensation coverage that can provide cash back thanks to a Group Dividend plan. Program participants may also qualify for a 5 percent discount on their Business Owners policy when purchasing Worker’s Compensation coverage.
- Employment Practices Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers Coverage
- Homeowner’s and Auto Coverage

Of course, all of these programs come with the support of the superior customer service provided by USI Affinity®, not only in designing a plan to meet your needs in a cost-effective manner, but in assisting with claims payments when you need your coverage the most.
The Philadelphia Bar Association Career Center allows attorneys and employers to browse and post professional online listings. Post a listing at just a fraction of the cost currently paid for posting on leading publications and online services. Law firms or companies with vacancies that need to be filled can list open positions in the Career Center, and those seeking employment can post their resumes.

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s full range of print and digital communications connects members to their colleagues in every major practice area. Experience for yourself the many ways Association members are sharing information and seizing opportunities to enhance their practice.

**PUBLICATIONS AND E-NEWS**


Plus, our e-newsletters, delivered directly to your inbox, keep you up to date on all aspects of the Association, the legal community, cutting-edge case law, and Section, Committee and Division news and information.

*Bar Reporter Online*, our signature electronic publication delivered on Mondays gives you all the Association and legal community news you need to stay on top of the week’s events.

*YLD EZine*, our colorful weekly e-magazine focused on our Young Lawyers Division, is the resource for the latest news, social events, networking opportunities, photos, original columns and social media links for today’s young lawyer.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Our vibrant social media network will update you on the essential events you won’t want to miss, featuring judges, government officials, lawmakers, Association officers, legal community leaders and attorneys from across the region. Like us on Facebook®, follow us on Twitter® (@PhilaBar) and connect with us on LinkedIn® to keep your calendar up to date with event photos, special promotions, news feeds, audio and video links, and much more. Learn what other members are saying and thinking about city, state and federal court developments, government...
actions, and other legal updates that impact your daily practice.

**PODCASTS**
Miss an Association meeting or special event? Download original podcasts of Section and Committee featured speakers, Quarterly Meetings and more — directly to your smartphone, tablet or desktop. More than 1,000 podcasts are currently available at PhiladelphiaBar.org.

**LIST SERVES**
With more than 50 list serves in every major practice area, you’ll have a direct pipeline to your colleagues for discussions about the latest court decisions and rules, procedural questions, meeting notices and important developments within your practice area.

**PHILADELPHIABAR.ORG**
Our website is a vast repository of information about Section and Committee activities, Association governance, member benefits and services, official news, major events, legislative activity and much, much more. View our detailed online calendar to get full event descriptions and register quickly and easily. Create a member login to update your member profile, renew your membership or experience exclusive member benefits. Throughout the year, the Philadelphia Bar Association hosts several conferences, including the Bench-Bar & Annual Conference and the Federal Bench-Bar Conference. These conferences offer the opportunity to complete a majority of your annual CLE requirements in one setting, through numerous, topical and engaging programs.

In addition, there are ample networking opportunities with members of the judiciary and lawyers from all practice areas.

The Chancellor of the Association hosts Chancellor’s Forums throughout the year, featuring newsmakers and subject matter experts from diverse backgrounds. Chancellor’s Forums are open to all Philadelphia Bar association members.
BENEFIT
No. 10 RETAIL DISCOUNTS

To take advantage of these benefits and more visit:
www.philadelphiabaro.org/page/MemberBenefits
Among the benefits of Philadelphia Bar Association membership:

- Invaluable networking opportunities with local attorneys and judges at hundreds of events each year, including Chancellor’s Forums, substantive panel programs and practice group receptions.
- The opportunity to join more than 100 Committees and nine Sections in specific areas of legal practice (such as intellectual property, business litigation, international law, workers’ compensation, criminal, etc.) as well as targeted interest groups (diversity in the profession, women in the profession, solo practitioners, etc.)
- Access to the “Members Only” portion of our interactive website, philadelphiabar.org, update your member profile; renew your membership; and access the Association’s new job board.
- A print and digital subscription to The Philadelphia Lawyer quarterly magazine and the Philadelphia Bar Reporter monthly newspaper; and subscriptions to Bar Reporter Online twice weekly e-newsletter; YLD weekly EZine, and Upon Further Review monthly e-publication.
- A vibrant social media network including Facebook® sites for the Bar Association and the YLD, Twitter®, LinkedIn®, podcasts and blogs.
- Insurance brokerage services provided through USI Affinity®.
- A legislative program to champion your interests to lawmakers at City Hall, in Harrisburg and in Washington.
GET INVOLVED IN
THE YOUNG LAWYERS
DIVISION

All regular members of the Association who have not reached their 37th birthday or who have been practicing less than three years are automatically members of the Young Lawyers Division. The YLD focuses on opportunities for community outreach, legal education and networking for young lawyers in Philadelphia and the surrounding area.

YLD members enjoy opportunities to participate in activities that contribute to their personal and professional enrichment. In fact, it is one of the largest and most active groups within the Bar and affords many opportunities for involvement including:

Community Outreach Programs: The YLD enjoys a strong connection to the local community with member attorneys participating in everything from a free LegalLine service for the public once a month, to citywide Law Week activities that celebrate the American legal system, to the People’s Law School legal education program for area residents.

Legal Education and Law School Outreach: Continuing education opportunities tailored to the unique concerns of young lawyers are plentiful. In fact, the YLD’s pioneering Boot- Camp program for new lawyers is a model copied nationwide.

Social/Networking Opportunities: Monthly networking and social opportunities let young lawyers grow their professional network in a fun and relaxed environment.

BE A BAR LEADER!
Run for the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee

The YLD is always seeking enthusiastic new leaders. In fact, many Chancellors first became active in the Bar Association as members of the YLD Executive Committee. The YLD has a history of producing exceptional attorney-leaders.

The Division Executive Committee directs the business and activities of the YLD’s approximately 3,000 members, including oversight of more than 30 activities in the areas of community outreach, legal education and mentoring and professional outreach.

Being on the Executive Committee provides lawyers opportunities for leadership, networking, and personal and professional growth early in their careers.

Each year, seven new members are elected to the Executive Committee. Any voting member of the YLD is eligible for election provided that the term of office for which the individual runs shall not extend beyond his or her membership in the Division.

QUESTIONS?
To learn more about the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association, YLD leadership opportunities, or to volunteer for an event or program, contact the YLD Chair at: philadelphiabar.org/page/YoungLawyersDivision.
LAW STUDENT MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES:

Student members have numerous opportunities to attend free programs on a variety of relevant topics, which also include networking opportunities to connect with potential employers. Additionally, student members are encouraged to join the Sections or Committees in which they have an interest.

The Philadelphia Bar Association is proud of its relationships and membership agreements with Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law and Villanova University School of Law, as their students have the opportunity to opt-in for complimentary membership until graduation.

Students at other law schools in the greater Philadelphia area are encouraged to take advantage of special student membership rates.