

MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC.

P.O. Box 211, Niagara Square Station

Buffalo, New York 14201-1012

Membership Application

(January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012)

Name: _____ Work Phone: _____
Firm: _____ Fax: _____
Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E Mail: _____

Postage is a major expense for our organization. Between meetings and when possible, we send information, vote on topics and make announcements by fax or e-mail. If you would not like to receive materials this way, please mark so at the top of this application.

What law school did you attend? _____ When were you admitted to practice (mo/yr)? _____

Dues Information (please check appropriate boxes)

- Active Member \$75.00 Renewing Member
- (Any member of the Bar of any state)* New Member
- Contributing Member \$150.00
- (Any member of the Bar of any state. All rights and privileges of an active member.)*
- Associate Member \$30.00
- (Any graduate of an accredited Law School who is not a member of the Bar of any state and who does not qualify as a student member. May not vote or hold elective office.)*
- Student Member \$10.00
- (Any person who is currently a matriculating student at an accredited Law School or who has graduated from a Law School not more than 18 months prior to the date of application. May not vote or hold elective office.)*
- Honorary Member \$30.00

Using the numbered list on the top of the second page of this application, please state your five (5) main practice areas.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Are you willing to mentor a law student interested in one of your practice areas? Yes Not at this time

Would you like to be listed on the Minority Bar Association of Western New York website? Yes Not at this time

Participation is vital to our organization's success. Therefore, we encourage you to participate and share your time, energy and talents on at least one of our chapter committees (committee descriptions on next page).

I will participate on the following committee(s):

- Awards Education Judicial Rating Juneteenth
- Communications CLE Mentoring Nominating
- Dinner Membership Puerto Rican Day Webpage/IT
- By-Laws

Are you available for speaking engagements? Yes No If Yes, on what topics:

Do you wish to be contacted by the media? Yes No If Yes, on what topics:

Please check appropriate box(es) and sign:

- I am a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York.
- I am a member in good standing of the bar of _____.
- I am not yet admitted to the bar of any state; I plan to take/took the bar exam of _____ in _____ mo/yr).
- I am not an attorney but work in a law-related position which is _____.
- I am a law student at _____, expected to graduate _____ (mo/yr).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make check payable to "Minority Bar Association of Western New York, Inc." and mail with this application to:

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PRACTICE AREAS

(01) Adoption	(13) Constitutional	(24) Entertainment	(36) Judiciary
(02) Advertising	(14) Corporate/Commercial	(25) Environmental	(37) Labor
(03) Administrative	(15) Creditor's Rights	(26) Ethics/Attorney	(38) Land Use/Zoning
(04) Admiralty	(16) Criminal	Discipline	(39) Landlord/Tenant
(05) ADR	(17) Discrimination/Civil	(27) Family	(40) Legislation
(06) Antitrust/Trade	Rights	(28) Federal Practice	(41) Litigation
Regulation	(18) Disability	(29) General Practice	(Civil/Commercial)
(07) Appellate Practice	(19) Domestic Violence	(30) Government	(42) Litigation (Legal
(08) Banking/Bonds	(20) Elder/Guardianship/	(31) Health	Malpractice)
(09) Bankruptcy	Medicaid	(32) Immigration	(43) Litigation (Medical
(10) Collections	(21) Education	(33) Insurance	Malpractice)
(11) Communications	(22) Employee Benefits/	(34) Intellectual Property	(44) Litigation
(12) Condemnation/	Pensions/ERISA	(Copyright/Trademark)	(Negligence/Torts/
Certiorari	(23) Employment	(35) International Products	Liability)

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

AWARDS: Receives and responds to award and scholarship solicitations and makes recommendations relative thereto. Contact: Oliver Young (716) 845-9327.

BY-LAWS: Contact: Jenna Metzger (716) 854-1400, ext. 14.

COMMUNICATIONS: Prepares written correspondence, organizational responses and press releases for dissemination to the public. Contact: Gary Wilson: (716) 816-3922 or Stephanie Calhoun (716) 853-8566.

CLE: Works to schedule CLE programs in preparation for MBAWNY CLE Accreditation. Contact: Judge Lenora Foote-Beavers (716) 845-7465.

DINNER: Works with the MBA Foundation to secure speakers, journal sponsors and all other aspects of the annual scholarship dinner. Contact: Leah Bouquard (716) 852-3540.

EDUCATION: Coordinates member presentations and speaking engagements with educational institutions. Contact: Jessica Lazarin (716) 847-0662, ext. 316.

JUDICIAL RATING: Rates candidates for judicial office based on their decisions, legal knowledge and experience, treatment of minorities and personal interviews. Contact: Joseph S. Brown (716) 848-1346 or Christopher Hayes (716) 504 5725.

JUNETEENTH: Organizes the MBAWNY's participation in Juneteenth events. Contacts: Paul Dimoh (716) 848-8226.

MEMBERSHIP: Maintains member status information, solicits new members and serves as the liaison between the Law School, other organizations and the membership. Contact: Sheldon Smith (716) 853-8100.

MENTORING: Works to partner with UB Law and provide law student mentees to participating mentors. Contact: Ericka Bennett (716) 504-5723.

NOMINATING: Reviews nominations and recommends members for office. Contact Paulette Ross (716) 856-4200.

PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE: Organizes the MBAWNY's participation in Puerto Rican Day Parade activities. Contact: Leah Bouquard (716) 852-3540.

WEBPAGE/IT: Posts information/updates to our website including member profile information. Contact: David Hayes (716) 332-7863,

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