



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BUCKS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
135 EAST STATE STREET - P.O. BOX 300
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901

Application for:

_____ **Regular Membership** – Any Attorney licensed to practice in Pennsylvania whose residence is in Bucks County, or who maintains a principal office for the practice of law in Bucks County, or who is employed in Bucks County in a law related capacity by an agency or corporation or other entity, is eligible for regular membership in the Association. “Principal office” is the place where the attorney spends the greater part of his/her working hours, even if it is a branch of a law firm that has its principal office outside the county.

_____ **Associate Membership** – For those attorneys who are not eligible for regular membership who shall be entitled to participate in educational, social and committee functions as a nonvoting member.

_____ **County/State/Legal Aid Employee** – For full time employees of the County of Bucks, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Fee schedule located on page 4.

I hereby make application for the above mentioned membership in the Bucks County Bar Association and if granted such membership I agree to be bound by the Charter and Bylaws of the Association as the same may exist from time to time.

I am compliant with the provisions of Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4(c).

Please circle **YES** or **NO**

Full Name: _____

Attorney ID #: _____

MCLE Comp. Group #: _____

Passed Bar Examination on (Date): _____

State: _____

Current Law Office Name/Address: _____

Office Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Area(s) of Practice: _____

Law School: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Other Languages: _____

1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime (do not include summary offenses of the motor vehicle code)? If yes, please attach a full explanation.

2. Have you ever been censured or otherwise publicly disciplined by any court or bar association? If yes, please attach a full explanation.

3. (a) List the Courts to which you have been admitted and state whether such membership has been terminated by resignation or other means.

(b) List the bar associations to which you have been a member and state the status of such membership.

4. Has any Client Security Fund of any bar association made any payments on a claim arising out of your practice of law? If yes, please attach a full explanation.

5. Applicants for Regular membership must attach proof of membership in good standing from the PA Supreme Court (**copy of current license or copy of certificate of good standing**).

6. Indicate your interest in the following categories by checking as many as apply.
You will be sent email notices when these groups meet.

Sections:

- Appellate Law
- Business Law
- Civil Litigation
- Child Advocacy
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Federal Courts
- In House & General Counsel
- Intellectual Property
- Orphans' Court/Estate Planning & Probate Law
- Real Estate & Land Use Law
- Solo Practitioner/Small Firm
- Workers' Compensation Law

Divisions:

- Women Lawyers' Division: Creates a forum to deal with the professional and substantive legal issues facing women.
- Young Lawyers' Division: Organizes a program for lawyers in their early years of practice.

Committees:

- Bench Bar Conference:** Organizes the Annual Bench Bar Conference.
- Bench Bar Relations**
- Budget & Bar Property:** Oversees the finances of the Association and the maintenance and repairs to the building.
- Bylaws:** Review the bylaws and draft recommendations for amendments as needed.
- Community Legal Education:** Organizes Law Day activities and People's Law School; provides legal education to the community on a continuing basis.
- Dispute Resolution:** Educates the public and the membership about alternate means of resolving disputes.
- Diversity Committee:** Explores programs and initiatives to achieve greater diversity in the Bucks County legal community.
- Entertainment Committee**
- Fee Disputes:** (Staggered 2 year terms) Deals with fee disputes in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Association Reference Handbook.
- Law Reporter:** Monitors the operation of the Bucks County Law Reporter.
- Lawyers Reaching Lawyers:** Assists lawyers with substance abuse problems including assistance
- Lawyer Referral Service:** Oversees the activities of the service and determines policy.
- Legislative:** Analyzes legislation and educates the public and the Bar Association regarding its political impact.
- Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE):** Oversees substantive and ethics courses offered by the Association and monitors content according to the requirements established by the state CLE Board.
- Member Services:** Works toward increasing membership in the Association.
- Newsletter Editorial:** Provides editorial content of the BCBA Newsletter, The WRITS.
- Pro Bono:** Develops and promotes the delivery of pro bono services and monitors the BCBA Pro Bono Program.
- Unauthorized Practice of Law:** Will be the initial defender and advocate against the Unauthorized Practice of Law and CEASE AND DESIST letters, where appropriate, after appropriate investigation.
- Veteran's Affair Committee**

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Membership Rate Schedule

(Billed January 1st for fiscal year January 1st through
December 31st)

	<u>Dues</u>
Regular Members	
5 or more years in practice	\$280.00
4 years in practice	\$158.00
3 years in practice	\$158.00
2 years in practice	\$158.00
1 st year in practice	\$0.00
Associate/County Employees	
5 or more years in practice	\$219.00
4 years in practice	\$127.00
3 years in practice	\$127.00
2 years in practice	\$127.00
1 st year in practice	\$0.00
Student Members	\$50.00
Emeritus Members	\$0.00
(Must make request in writing stating why they may qualify for EM status as laid out in our Bylaws. Requests must be approved by the BOD).	

Please contact the Bucks County Bar Association for payment options.