

10 WAYS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER BENEFITS

The Monroe County Bar Association plays a leading role in helping its members. Since the beginning of the association in 1892, the Bar has expanded from 25 members to 2,000 law professionals, keeping pace with the ever-changing legal community. Membership in the MCBA provides support for your professional career through our various member benefits and programs. For more information about the benefits quoted on the sheet, go to www.mcba.org or email Liz Novak Henderson at enovak@mcba.org.

WHAT THE MCBA CAN DO FOR YOU

1. Build & Grow Your Practice
2. Connect & Expand Your Network
3. Strengthen Your Knowledge
4. Helpful Services & Discounts

1. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE LEGAL RESEARCH

The MCBA now offers free electronic library and research capabilities to all members through Casemaker. The library includes a full range of primary source material- from case law to statutes to administrative materials- from all 50 state jurisdictions and the federal system, all available through an easy-to-use search engine.

2. SAFELY ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

MCBA members can now sign up for LawPay credit card processing. Designed specifically for the legal industry, LawPay provides attorneys with a simple, secure, and online way to accept credit cards in their practice. It helps attorneys to ensure that earned and unearned fees are properly separated and that IOLTA accounts are protected against any third-party debiting.

3. MANAGE CLIENT CASES WHILE SAVING TIME & MONEY

Lawyers are using MyCase's web-based software to save time and money, increase productivity and make their clients happier. MyCase is easy-to-use practice management software that helps you manage cases, track time, automate billing, and communicate with your clients. MCBA members receive a free trial and 10% lifetime discount on MyCase.

4. NETWORK WITH PROFESSIONALS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE YOUR PRACTICE AREA

The MCBA offers numerous networking opportunities for its members to meet colleagues, inside and outside their practice areas. Events include receptions, committee and section meetings, and informal happy hours!

5. IMPROVE YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING

The MCBA is committed to improving the work life balance for lawyers and those within the legal profession. The MCBA offers educational and social programs that focus on the overall health and well-being of attorneys, including yoga, spinning classes, breathing sessions and nutrition programs. In addition, the MCBA offers confidential assistance programs for attorneys in need: Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, SOLACE, and Confidential Counseling.

6. CONTINUE TO EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Members receive a 45% discount on more than 65 high-quality live CLE programs offered annually. Don't let location deter you, sign up for CLE webcasts that you can watch from your home or your office. Don't have time to come to a lunch-time CLE or missed one that you really wanted to participate in? You choose the time and the location by viewing pre-recorded programs at a discount from an extensive library.

7. COVERAGE THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON

There is a broad range of insurance coverage for MCBA members and their employees available through The Ahrens Financial Group, including health and dental, professional liability, long-term care, disability, and more.

8. DISCOUNTS ON YOUR FAVORITE ITEMS

We have partnered with National Purchasing Partners to offer MCBA members a substantial discount on Verizon Wireless; Staples, audio conferencing, office furniture; Best Buy electronics and appliances; travel discounts through Expedia and now offering pet insurance through PetFirst.

9. HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Lawyer Succession Registry is a service offered free to MCBA members. It enables attorneys to plan for law practice contingencies by designating, in advance, another lawyer who is willing to assist in the transfer of client files in the event of attorney disability, death or unavailability. The registry is a confidential database, for transitioning your client files to the client, in the event of death, disability, incapacity, disbarment, suspension, disappearance etc.

10. MAKE THE MCBA YOUR DOWNTOWN OFFICE SPACE

MCBA members can use the association's office facilities at the Telesca Center for Justice in downtown Rochester. If you need a conference room to meet with clients, or just a quiet space to work while downtown, the MCBA has space available at no cost to members. We are committed to providing premier facilities for meetings, training seminars, and conferences.