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Your membership in the State Bar of New Mexico qualifies you for special members-only services and discounts. We've created these programs to help you improve your skills, find help and information, run your law office more efficiently, get involved and more. For more information about these programs and services, call 505-797-6000, email sbnm@nmbar.org or visit www.nmbar.org.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Get Quick Answers to Practice-Related Questions



Attorney Resource Helpline

Need information and not sure of the quickest way to find it? State Bar members and non-admitted attorneys can call the resource helpline to get information and referrals in the areas of attorney regulation, ethics, registrations (emeritus, legal service, non-admitted, pro hac vice and public employee), rules, IOLTA and general practice.

Office of the General Counsel, rspinello@nmbar.org
505-797-6050 or 800-876-6227

Shape the Future of the Profession



Bridge the Gap Mentorship Program

Sign up and receive a rewarding experience for both mentors and new lawyers. The BTG Mentorship Program is designed to facilitate the transformation of newly admitted lawyers from a legal academic environment into fully functioning professional practitioners who serve the public with best practices and the highest professional standards. Upon completion of the one-year curriculum, the new lawyer and the mentor receive a full year of required CLE credits.

www.nmbar.org/BTGMentorship
505-797-6047

Take Quality, Affordable Education Courses



Center for Legal Education

Take CLE from the State Bar's non-profit accredited CLE course provider and receive high quality, affordable educational programs with the assurance that courses have been approved by MCLE and your credits will be filed. CLE offers programs for the convenience you need including live seminars, live webcasts, live replays, national series teleseminars and online self-study videos. Check out the new "How to Practice Law" Series and get practical skills that you can use the next day. The Center receives no subsidy from membership licensing fees.

www.nmbar.org/CLE
505-797-6020

Fulfill Your Printing and Design Needs



State Bar Digital Print Center

The Digital Print Center provides quality, full-color printing and fast service to the New Mexico legal profession. Members receive discounts on business cards, letterhead, envelopes, exhibit booklets, brochures, invitations and more! We specialize in short runs, meaning you can order a small quantity and still get a great price.

www.nmbar.org/DPC

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Go Solo and Run a Profitable Business



Entrepreneurs in Community Lawyering

Sign up and learn how to start a successful and profitable solo or small firm practice in New Mexico. ECL is a 24-month program that provides extensive training in the practice of law. Participants learn how to harness the power of technology and other tools to save costs and run a law practice as a successful business. Graduates of the program will capitalize on the huge unmet need for legal services by middle income New Mexicans. ECL also provides subsidized office space, office equipment, licensing fees, CLE program costs and Bridge the Gap Mentorship Program fees.

www.nmbar.org/ecl

Ruth Pregonzer, rpregonzer@nmbar.org or 505-797-6077

Prevent Disciplinary Action



Ethics Hotline/Ethics Advisory Committee

For emergency ethics assistance, call 800-326-8155 and receive an immediate response. For a written response to an inquiry regarding your own conduct, contact the Ethics Advisory Committee.

www.nmbar.org/EAC

Ethics Advisory Committee, rspinello@nmbar.org

Resolve Your Client's Fee Dispute Promptly



Fee Arbitration Program

Request this free, out-of-court method to resolve fee disputes with clients. It is expeditious, confidential and impartial. This voluntary program can help avoid difficult, lengthy, and often expensive, lawsuits.

www.nmbar.org/FeeArbitration

Lizeth Cera, 505-797-6054 or 800-876-6227

Grow Your Practice and Accumulate Pro Bono Hours



Lawyer Referral Programs

Sign up for either one or both of the State Bar referral programs and be connected with potential clients: the General Referral Program and the Legal Resources for the Elderly Program. Sign up with the General Referral Program and agree to provide referral clients with a free, 30-minute consultation. Any services rendered after the initial 30 minutes are billed at the attorney's regular hourly rate. Take a case from LREP and receive your full-fee, a reduced-fee or provide representation on a pro bono basis depending on the client's income. Staff attorneys screen cases before referral and participation in the program can meet pro bono requirements.

www.nmbar.org/LRS

Maria Tanner, mtanner@nmbar.org or 505-797-6047

Work Towards a Happy, Healthy Life



New Mexico Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program

Call the confidential helpline anytime day or night and begin the process to help yourself, a colleague or family member who may be dealing with alcohol, drug, depression, stress or other mental health issues. Services include information and referrals, assessments, professional interventions and peer support groups. No problem is too small—help and support are only a phone call away. Helpline is open 24/7.

www.nmbar.org/JLAP

Jill Anne Yeagley, 505-797-6003

Helpline, 505-228-1948 or 800-860-4914

Hold your Meeting, Mediation, Seminar or Reception at the Bar Center for a Reduced Rate



Bar Center Room Rentals

Rent a conference room, classroom, reception area or the auditorium for a business or social event and receive a member discount. Food, beverage, printing and audio visual services are available.

www.nmbar.org/BookARoom

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Leverage the Power of the State Bar Database to Reach Members of the Profession



Data/Email Services

Let the State Bar help with your next mailing or email to get the word out about your business or social event and receive a member discount. Request the full member list or a targeted segment, such as member type, specific section members, size of practice, city and/or county. The State Bar will send the email for you and can also provide mailing services.

www.nmbar.org/DataEmailServices

Save Time and Get the Member Information You Need



State Bar Staff

Contact our helpful and informed staff to guide you in navigating the many State Bar programs and services. See the listing behind the State Bar/Bar Foundation tab or online.

www.nmbar.org/Nmstatebar/About_Us/Staff.aspx
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Get Found by Potential Clients and Referring Attorneys



Find an Attorney

Customize your member profile on the online member database—Find an Attorney www.nmbar.org/FindAnAttorney—by adding your practice area, counties in which you accept cases and languages spoken to the. The website reads the database in real time after information on this form <https://form.jotform.com/52864830614963> is received.

Plan Now for the Expected and Unexpected



Succession Planning Handbook

Creating an effective succession and transition plan will help protect your clients, your hard-earned reputation, your family and loved ones after your retirement, death or disability. This comprehensive plan, written by the New Mexico Supreme Court Lawyer Succession and Transition Planning Committee, includes sample forms and is designed to simplify the process of putting your plan in writing.

www.nmbar.org/NmbarDocs/forMembers/Succession/SuccessionHandbook.pdf

Make Your IOLTA Dollars Count for Civil Legal Services



IOLTA Leadership Circle

Bank with a member of the State Bar Leadership Circle and give more to Civil Legal Services. An IOLTA account is a pooled, interest-bearing demand deposit account used by lawyers to hold client funds. IOLTA enrollment is mandatory

for all New Mexico attorneys who maintain a pooled trust account, so why not get the most for your money?

www.nmbar.org/IOLTA

Use Online Legal Research Software Free



Fastcase

Gain access to a variety of searchable databases to help you find cases and

statutes quickly and easily. Some of the features include: the ability to search statutes by topic across multiple jurisdictions, automatic annotation, copy citation function and the ability to filter the list to cases from just one jurisdiction. Use the free tutorials, on-demand training videos and webinars to get the most out of Fastcase's tools.

<https://apps.fastcase.com/Research/Pages/Start.aspx>
Member login required.

support@fastcase.com or 866-773-2782

Get Ahead Using Practice Area-Targeted Resources



Section Membership

Join a practice section and become more of an expert in your field. Membership includes networking opportunities, leadership experience, public service potentials, discounted rates on CLE programs and more. A list of section leaders and their contact information can be found behind the State Bar/Bar Foundation tab and online.

www.nmbar.org/sections

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Put Your Passion for a Legal Cause to Work



Committee Membership

Request an appointment from the State Bar president to a committee and get involved in a legal cause of your interest. Some committees help to strengthen the profession and others increase access to the legal system. A full listing of committees is available behind the State Bar/Bar Foundation tab and online.

www.nmbar.org/committees

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Associate with Your Legal Life Cycle Peers



Division Membership

Get involved with members who share similar lengths of time in the profession and collaborate on projects that move the profession forward and engage in public service. The **Young Lawyers Division** is composed of lawyers under the age of 36 as well as those who have been admitted to the practice of law in any state for five years or less. The **Senior Lawyers Division** is composed of lawyers who are 55 years of age or older and who have practiced law for 25 years or more. A listing of the leaders of both divisions is available behind the State Bar/Bar Foundation tab and online.

Paralegal Division membership is available to paralegals who meet specific qualifications set forth by the New Mexico Supreme Court. The division's goals are to encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment; to further education among its members; to carry out programs within the State Bar; and to establish good fellowship among Division members, the State Bar and the members of the legal community.

www.nmbar.org/Divisions

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Acquire Pro Bono Time While Serving the Public



Volunteer and Public Service Opportunities

Give back to the community and benefit with a personally rewarding experience. Choose from a number of opportunities that range in levels of time and commitment to fit any members' needs. Enjoy the added benefit of accumulating pro bono hours and meet potential future clients.

www.nmbar.org/Volunteer

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Recognize Outstanding Members of the Profession



State Bar Annual Awards

Nominate colleagues who have distinguished themselves or who have made exemplary contributions to the State Bar or legal profession. The State Bar annual awards are presented during the Annual Meeting—Bench & Bar Conference.

www.nmbar.org/Awards

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Make Your Voice Heard



Board of Bar Commissioners

Every member in New Mexico has representation on the governing board of the State Bar. The state is divided into seven bar commissioner districts and members are elected by geographic location. The BBC is composed of 21 total members: 19 elected from districts set by the New Mexico Supreme Court, chair of the YLD, delegate of the SLD and chair or designee of the PD. Some of the duties of commissioners include: representing the State Bar at local events, communicating regularly with constituents, ensuring financial accountability for the organization, establishing and enforcing bylaws and evaluating the State Bar's programs and operations. Find your representative behind the State Bar/Bar Foundation tab and online. Interested in getting involved with the BBC? Look for announcements in the *Bar Bulletin* regarding appointments to boards, committees, and commissions and for election information in the fall.

www.nmbar.org/BBC

Kris Becker, 505-797-6038 or kbecker@nmbar.org

Obtain 12 CLE Credits and Socialize with Colleagues



Annual Meeting

Catch up with friends and colleagues and meet your CLE requirements for the year.

The annual meeting location varies each year, but the event always offers plenty of networking opportunities and entertainment. Expose your law firm or business to members of the New Mexico legal community by becoming a sponsor or purchasing an exhibitor booth.

www.nmbar.org/AnnualMeeting

Compete For Fun Out of the Courtroom



Annual Golf Classic

Put together a team from your firm or your practice section and compete for great prizes. Proceeds benefit the New Mexico State Bar Foundation. Take it a step further and become a sponsor of the event to get more exposure for your firm.

Stephanie Wagner, swagner@nmbar.org or 505-797-6007

Celebrate Service in the Legal Profession



State Bar Birthday Party

Join the celebration of the State Bar's birthday and ceremony to honor those who have completed 25 and 50 years of practice. A New Mexico Supreme Court justice and the State Bar president are among the VIPs who recognize recipients of the annual service awards.

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Jump Start Your Legal Career



Law Student Membership

Join the State Bar as a law student member and enter the legal community before passing the bar exam. Hone in on a practice area, learn about "a day in the life" of practicing in a particular area of law or make a connection that may lead to a job by getting involved in a practice section. Other benefits include free CLE live seminars, the weekly email of the *Bar Bulletin* and the weekly *eNews*.

www.nmbar.org/LawStudents

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Stay Abreast of Court Rules, Decisions and Happenings in the Legal Community



Bar Bulletin

Peruse the weekly publication of the State Bar and read the text of advance opinions issued by the state Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, recent rule-making activity, legal education calendar, career opportunities and announcements of legal events. Active members receive the publication free of charge and can choose to receive a hard copy or email version.

www.nmbar.org/BarBulletin

notices@nmbar.org

Quickly Learn about News, Events and Deadlines



eNews

Use this quick read to keep up to date with the State Bar and other legal community organizations' news,

events and deadlines. *eNews* is delivered in a weekly email at no cost to members.

www.nmbar.org/eNews

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Keep Current on Focused Issues That Affect All



New Mexico Lawyer

Examine the issues presented by practice section authors that are of general interest to all practitioners. Published quarterly, the *New Mexico Lawyer* is distributed to all members as an insert in the *Bar Bulletin*.

www.nmbar.org/NewMexicoLawyer

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Find Members, Firms, Courts, Member Services and More in the Phone Book of the Legal Community



Bench & Bar Directory

Explore your membership guide to the practice of law in New Mexico and find not only contact information for members, courts, government, legal service providers and the UNM School of Law, but also learn about member services that can advance your practice. All active members receive the annual *Bench & Bar Directory* free of charge and may purchase additional copies at a discount for staff.

www.nmbar.org/BenchBarDirectory