Why Join Us?

Join the Prince William County Bar Association today and become affiliated with a community of lawyers and judges in the Thirty-First Judicial Circuit who genuinely care about each other and want to become the best in the profession.

What Our Members Say

• The sense of community. I'm always impressed by the good things that the PWCBA lawyers do and the good people PWCBA lawyers are. It's a privilege to be a part of the group!

• Fellowship with other attorneys and local CLEs. The opportunity to not only meet and network with other attorneys in our area but also to change or improve the processes used by our court system.

• Access to low-cost CLEs, the Bar listserv, and up-to-date practice tips and information. The newsletter, calendar of bar events and legislative updates.

• Collegiality. Practicing law is a much more pleasant and productive experience when the attorneys involved know each other.

• There are so many! Direct and open line of communication with the bench. Socializing and networking with other attorneys. Cheap source of CLEs. Having the listserv for asking questions and sending out announcements. There are no reasons not to join!

Benefits of Membership in the Prince William County Bar Association

Membership in the Prince William County Bar Association provides you with immediate access to your professional colleagues, the judiciary for the Thirty-First Judicial Circuit, and the community-at-large, through a variety of programs and services such as:

• Forums for networking and fellowship through membership luncheon meetings, breakfast with the judges events and receptions; and social events such as the annual bench bar dinner dance, picnics and happy hours. The Bar also sponsors judicial recognition events such as investitures and retirement celebrations.

• Publications and electronic venues to facilitate communication within the association such as Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, the monthly newsletter; the PWCBA website; free WiFi at the PWC Judicial Center; the member’s only listserv which is useful for bench-bar and member-to-member communications; and the local membership pictorial directory.

• Locally-produced Continuing Legal Education Seminars at reduced rates. The PWC Bar is an accredited CLE sponsor with the Virginia State Bar.

• Mentoring programs to welcome new and prospective members to the Bar and the local courts. All new members are offered an individual mentor when they join the Bar and are invited to attend the Introduction to Practicing Law in the PWC Courthouse program, law office management programs and group mentoring programs which are held periodically throughout the year and offered at no charge.

• Resources to facilitate the administration of justice in the Thirty-First Judicial Circuit such as annual bench-board meetings with all three courts; the ability to address issues of mutual interest through the Judicial Liaison Committee; and Timesaver Guidelines (publications that explain the procedures for all three courts). The Bar also sponsors annual judicial evaluations and conducts judicial screenings to assist local legislators in filling judicial vacancies.

• Easy access to the court-appointed counsel lists for Circuit, General District and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts.

• Community service, business development and public relations programming to heighten awareness of, and an appreciation for, the law; improve the overall image of attorneys and keep the business of the law in Prince William County.

• Opportunities to facilitate public access to an attorney through the Prince William County Lawyer Referral Service and Modest Means Panel; conciliator programs for the Circuit and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts; and a variety of pro bono initiatives.
Eligibility for Membership in the Prince William County Bar Association

Regular membership is open to all attorneys who are members in good standing of the Virginia State Bar, who are lawfully licensed to practice law

• AND who maintain a bona fide office for private practice within the area encompassed by the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, (31st Judicial Circuit)

• OR who are employed as an attorney by a Federal or State Government, or employed by a private organization, within the 31st Judicial Circuit

• OR maintain a substantial portion of their practice at the time of application within the 31st Judicial Circuit

• OR maintain their residence within the 31st Judicial Circuit

Regular membership includes voting status.

Associate membership is available for all attorneys who are currently licensed in another state and/or jurisdiction. Associate membership is a non-voting status.

Senior membership is available to all attorneys who have been regular members of the PWC Bar, but are now over 60 years of age and are not engaged in practice full-time. This is a voting status.

Student membership is available for those currently enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school. Student membership is a non-voting status.

Sponsorship of New Members

Membership applicants must obtain sponsorship by two Regular members in good standing of the PWCBA. Student members need only one Regular member in good standing to sponsor. The application must also be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Membership Dues

Regular and Associate members in practice for three years or less pay $100.00 per year.

Regular and Associate members in practice for four or more years pay $175.00 per year.

Senior members pay $75.00 per year.

Student members pay $25.00 per year.

Ready to Join?

You can learn more about the Prince William County Bar Association by visiting us online at www.pwcba.org. You'll find an application for membership under the "Join Us!" tab.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Join the Prince William County Bar Association

Legal Professionals Dedicated to Our Community
Fellowship, mentoring and leadership

The Prince William County Bar Association was established on July 25, 1941, by the seven attorneys that comprised the total of this area's legal community at that time.

Though the membership has grown to 500+ attorneys and members of the judiciary, the mission of the organization remains the same: to maintain the honor and dignity of the practice of law, promote the administration of justice, encourage the professionalism and collegiality of its members, and contribute to the quality of life in the community.