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◆ The ability to grow and support your profession, by helping in one or more of NYSBA’s many advocacy efforts.
◆ Numerous chances to save money by participating in one or more of our member benefits and savings programs designed to help you pay less on products and services you need every day.

Please save this handbook, as it gives you important facts and information about NYSBA member benefits and services. We offer you more New York-specific legal resources than any other professional association.

And you can always go to www.nysba.org for more information, or contact the Albany, New York based NYSBA State Bar Service Center if you have any questions or need assistance: sbsc@nysba.org or 800.582.2452/ 518.463.3200.

Thank you for your membership support, and welcome to NYSBA.

*See page 11 for more information.

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NEW YORK STATE CLE BOARD MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Attorneys admitted to the New York bar for more than 24 months, who practice in New York, must complete at least 24 hours of accredited continuing legal education (CLE) courses over a two-year biennial reporting period. This includes 20 hours of Professional Practice, and/or Law Practice Management and at least four hours of Ethics and Professionalism. New York attorneys who practice outside of New York must certify their compliance with the CLE guidelines of the jurisdiction in which they practice.

Newly-admitted attorneys (24 months or less) must complete 32 hours of mandatory continuing legal education (MCLE) during their first two years after admission, or 16 hours each year in the following categories: Ethics and Professionalism; Skills; Professional Practice and/or Law Practice Management.

For more information about New York State MCLE requirements, contact the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board at 212.428.2105, or online at www.nycourts.gov.

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Inquiries may be mailed to the committee at One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207, or faxed to 518.487.5694, or e-mailed to ethics@nysba.org. Please include in all inquiries your name, mailing address, telephone and fax number.

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Our Events pages feature an intuitive interface that makes it easier and more efficient to access all the information you need to choose the CLE program that’s right for you.

The updated CLE page also includes a special box showing the number and type of credits for each course. And, there’s even a handy credit tracker that allows you to record your credits. Credits earned through NYSBA are automatically added to the Tracker for you.

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PRIVATE – NYSBA’s Communities are for members-only – and public search engines such as Google, Bing or Yahoo! never index the content posted in Communities. Logged in NYSBA members may search Communities through NYSBA’s web search tools.

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“Wow! The Communities website is terrific and easy to navigate and use. I have uploaded a number of links which get seamlessly imported into the library with easy one-click access to the linked page; the tagging is easy; and editing is easy.”

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The Advantages of NYSBA Section Membership

Connect, network and work collaboratively with Section-wide Communities – Communities are private, online professional networks, built on the concept of listserves. They offer a variety of tools to help members.

Mix and mingle with some of the state’s finest legal minds – Attend Section and Committee networking events with judges and prominent attorneys.

Save money – NYSBA members receive significant discounts on Section-sponsored continuing legal education seminars.

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◆ Intellectual Property Law
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◆ Labor & Employment Law
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◆ Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law
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◆ Trusts & Estates Law

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For more information about NYSBA Sections and Committees, including complete listings, or to join one or more today: call 800.582.2452 or 518.463.3200; or go to www.nysba.org and select “Sections & Committees” from the drop down menu.
I am a commercial litigator. One of the benefits of NYSBA membership, especially in the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, has been the opportunity to network with attorneys and judges. It has provided a basis for cooperation with adversaries, which has become more important in these days of electronic discovery. It has provided me with sufficient credibility to receive a respectful hearing from judges whom I have met through bar activities. And, it has improved my advocacy as a result of ideas exchanged in writing reports.

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Few bar associations have the depth of resources to help you succeed in every stage of your career. At NYSBA, maintaining timely, relevant resources is at the core of our mission. It enables us to be exceptionally responsive to your needs – whether you’re looking for the right Section to join, a unique CLE course, or free online legal research. The many member benefits and savings programs listed within the next few pages can have an everyday impact on your career success.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND ALERT SERVICES

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General Practice
Health Law
Intellectual Property Law
International
Labor & Employment Law
Municipal Law
Real Property Law
Tax
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Trial Lawyers
Trusts & Estates Law
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Joining a Section is optional, with dues ranging from $5 to $20.

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Serving as a student Campus Representative has become an integral part of my law school education. This position has opened doors to network with a vast array of attorneys and legal professionals. I learned through this unique opportunity that certain aspects of being a lawyer cannot be taught through a typical law school curriculum.

Sam Kwak
Touro 2015 Graduate | Hicksville, NY
NYSBA member since 2012
With NYSBA’s help, you can make a name for yourself

From a writing contest on international law and an essay competition on environmental law, to internships with Fortune 500 corporations and scholarship funding for future elder law practitioners, NYSBA offers a wide variety of opportunities to help law students develop critical legal skills and build their resumes. Take a look at the many opportunities we offer that can guide you on your way to become one of New York’s leading attorneys.

Sections

Business Law Section

The Section sponsors an annual Student Writing Competition, open to all students who are candidates for the JD or LLM degree at an accredited law school during the year in which the article is submitted. The first and second-place winners will receive cash prizes of $1,500 and $1,000, respectively. At the discretion of the editors, winners’ submissions will also be published in the NY Business Law Journal, which is sponsored by the Business Law Section in cooperation with New York Law School. Additional cash prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Section. Entries that do not qualify for cash prizes may also be considered for publication in the Journal. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/business.

Corporate Counsel Section

The Section sponsors the Kenneth G. Standard Internship Program, which focuses on identifying and supporting in-house internship opportunities for law students from a diverse range of backgrounds. The program is named in honor of the former NYSBA President and his lifetime commitment to initiatives aimed at increasing diversity in the legal profession. Corporate and not-for-profit hosts have included Alliance Bernstein, Con Ed, FINRA, Goldman Sachs, In Motion, McGraw-Hill, NYPAs, Oneida, Pepsi, Pfizer and USTA (United States Tennis Association). For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/corporate.

Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section

The Section, in partnership with BMI, offers the Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Scholarship to a law student who is committed to a practice concentrating in one or more areas of entertainment, art or sports law. Two $2,500 awards will be made. The competition is open to all students attending eligible law schools, which include all accredited law schools within New York, along with Rutgers University Law School and Seton Hall Law School in New Jersey, and up to 10 other accredited law schools throughout the country to be selected, at the Committee’s discretion, on a rotating basis. Submissions are due in December. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/easl.

Environmental Law Section

Professor William R. Ginsberg Memorial Essay Contest: The Section sponsors an essay contest, which is designed to challenge law students to analyze the environmental issues confronting us today. The first prize is $1,000 and publication of the essay. The second-and third-prize winners will receive certificates and consideration of publication by the State Bar. The contest is open to all J.D. candidates enrolled in New York law schools. Nominations are due in June. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/environmental.

Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law: The Section, in conjunction with the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, sponsors a 10-week, $6,000 fellowship where a law student will work on legal matters for a governmental environmental agency or public interest environmental organizations in New York. Eligible applicants are first-year, second-year and third-year (night students only) minority group members who are: enrolled in a law school in New York; or permanent New York residents, and enrolled in a law school in the United States. Applications are due in November. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/environmental.

Health Law Section

The Section offers the Barry Gold Memorial Health Law Student Writing Competition, which is open to all students currently enrolled in law school in New York or contiguous state (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Vermont). Entries must discuss a health law issue under New York law or a health law issue under federal law and its impact on New York law or the regulatory environment in New York. The first prize winner will receive $1,000 and the second prize winner will receive $500. Nominations are due in June. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/health.

Intellectual Property Section

Annual Law Student Writing Competition: The Section’s award is presented to the authors of the best publishable papers on subjects relating to the protection of intellectual property not published elsewhere, scheduled for publication, or awarded another prize. The first prize is $2,000; the second prize is $1,000. To be eligible for consideration, the paper must be written solely by students in full-time attendance at a law school (day or evening program) located in New York or by out-of-state students who are members of the Section. Submissions are due in November. To be eligible for consideration, the paper must be written solely by students in full-time attendance at a law school (day or evening program) located in New York state or by students in full-time attendance at an out-of-state law school who are members of the Intellectual Property Section. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/pl.

Young Lawyer Fellowship: The Section’s two-year fellowship is designed to provide leadership opportunities for young lawyers, and reflects the Section’s long-standing commitment to increasing the participation and retention of young lawyers in Section activities. Fellows receive: free admission to many of the Section’s meet-
ings including the Section’s Annual and Fall Meetings, for two consecutive years; involvement in the activities of the Young Lawyers Committee; invitations to all of the Section’s networking events, where the Fellow can promote the recruiting of new members; invitations to some of the Section’s Executive Committee meetings, to relate their experience as a Fellow; opportunities to publish in the Section’s newsletter Bright Ideas; and opportunities to mentor new Fellows. Applications for the next Fellowship are due in November 2014. Applicants must be newly-admitted attorneys (within 5 years) or a law student, and be both a member of the State Bar and the Intellectual Property Section. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/ipl.

International Section
Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition: This competition, sponsored by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, fosters legal scholarship among law students in the field of international law. It is intended to encourage students of law to write on areas of public or private international law. The winner will receive $2,000 and publication of the article (subject to editorial approval) in the New York State Bar Journal, the New York International Law Review, or the International Law Practicum. Law Students (including J.D., LL.M., Ph.D. and S.J.D. candidates) are eligible to apply. Applications are due in December. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/PergamWritingCompetition2014/.

Labor and Employment Section
Dr. Emanuel and Kenneth Stein Writing Competition: The Section recognizes excellence in writing on any current issue involving labor or employment law. The scope of permissible topics for the article is broad, i.e., any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. The first prize is $3,000; second prize is $2,000 and third prize is $1,000. Award nominations are due each December and all law students are eligible to apply. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/labor.

Samuel M. Kaynard Memorial Student Service Awards: The awards are provided to enable New York law schools to recognize excellence among their law students in the area of labor and employment law and to cultivate the relationship between the Labor and Employment Law Section and future labor and employment practitioners. The first prize is $3,000; second prize is $2,000 and third prize is $1,000. Applications are due in December. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/labor.

Trial Lawyers Section
The Section recognizes winning school and student advocates of the National Trial Advocacy Region II Competition (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut) in February each year. The competition has been sponsored by the State Bar since 1974 to encourage the inclusion of “trial advocacy and trial technique” as part of the law school curricula. Each year, the first place team gets the traveling Tiffany & Co. plaque, cup and base to be displayed for the year. The college will be awarded a check in the amount of $7,500 and a plaque listing team members and coaches. The second place team will be sent a plaque listing team members and coaches and a check in the amount of $5,000. Team members will also be sent individual plaques. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/trial.

Young Lawyers Section
Trial Academy
The Business Law Section, the Criminal Justice Section, the Family Law Section, the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section, and the Trial Lawyers Section offer scholarships for tuition to the Young Lawyers Section Trial Academy. In 2014, these sections awarded 20 scholarships respectively to members. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/yls.

COMMITTEES
Committee on Animals and the Law
The Committee provides the Student Writing Competition, which is designed to foster legal scholarship among law students in the area of animals and the law. The first place winner will receive $1,000 and a certificate of achievement. The second place winner will receive $500 and a certificate of achievement. Law students are eligible to apply. Nominations are due in June. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/animals.

Committee on Law, Youth and Citizenship
The Committee offers volunteer opportunities for law students through its various statewide civic education programs. The We the People Program, a study of the Constitution, culminates with regional and state hearings for high school students. Law students can volunteer to serve as timers or judges for the Saturday events. For more information, please visit: www.lycny.org.

President’s Committee on Access to Justice and the Committee on Legal Aid
These Committees co-sponsor the President’s Pro Bono Service Awards to recognize outstanding pro bono service and to emphasize the importance of such service in helping to provide all New Yorkers with equal access to the justice system, regardless of income. Nominations are due in March. Up to 22 awards may be given. Award categories include: the thirteen Judicial Districts, a senior lawyer, a young lawyer, an in-house counsel or government lawyer, a law student, a law school group, and law firms. There are three categories of law firm awards: a large law firm, a firm employing 201 or more attorneys; a mid-sized law firm, a firm employing 50 to 200 attorneys; and a small law firm, one employing two to 49 attorneys. Each honoree receives a commemorative plaque. For more information, please visit: www.nysba.org/probono.
Competitions, Scholarships & Fellowships continued

THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION
Through generous gifts from NYSBA Sections and donors, The New York Bar Foundation offers the following scholarship and fellowship opportunities. Deadlines vary. For more information visit www.tnybf.org.

Antitrust Section Law Student Fellowship
Established through gifts from the Antitrust Section of the New York State Bar Association, the Fellowship is awarded to first or second year law students to work on antitrust and related matters in the public sector in the State of New York during the Summer. The Fellowship is valued at $6,000.

Commercial and Federal Litigation Section Minority Fellowship
A stipend award is available to a first-year student attending a law school in New York State to pursue a fellowship. The student must demonstrate an interest in commercial and federal litigation.

Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship
Through the Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship Fund, the New York Bar Foundation provides funding for a $6,000 fellowship to give a first or second year student of a diverse background, who is attending a law school in NYS, the opportunity to pursue a 10 week summer fellowship at a public interest legal or charitable organization. The student will assist the organization’s general counsel with matters relating to counsel or advice to the organization. Information and the application are available at http://www.nysba.org/corpconselhomepage.

Joel K. Asarch Section on Elder Law and Special Needs Scholarship
This scholarship is offered to a second-year or third-year law student who is enrolled in a New York law school and is actively participating in an Elder Law Clinic at the school during the academic year. Preference is given to a student who demonstrates a present and permanent physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual. The scholarship, valued at $2,500, will be applied to the student’s tuition.

Miriam Maccoby Netter Intellectual Property Law Section Fellowship
The fellow will assist a public interest legal organization or charity with intellectual property law matters. The fellowship program goals are to increase the representation of lawyers in intellectual property law and to provide students with an opportunity to experience intellectual property law practice. Students are encouraged to speak to a nonprofit organization that handles intellectual property law matters to discuss applying for the funding.

Real Property Law Section Melvyn Mitzner Scholarship
The scholarship was established through a gift from the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and Rosalyn Mitzner to honor the memory of Melvyn Mitzner, a former Chair of the Section. The $1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a second or third-year law student. Efforts will be made to honor Melvyn Mitzner’s commitment to professional achievement and to diversity in the profession. A preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

Real Property Law Section Lorraine Power Tharp Scholarship
The scholarship was established by the Foundation through a gift from the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association to honor the memory of Lorraine Power Tharp, Esq., a former Chair of the Section and a former President of the Association. The $1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a second or third year law student who best exemplifies the core values important to Lorraine's commitment to gender equality and diversity in the profession.

Judge Bernard S. Meyer Scholarship
The Judge Bernard S. Meyer Scholarship, established by the law firm, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., is open to all second-year students enrolled in a New York law school as of the spring semester. An essay that relates to the law and displays excellence in legal writing and advocacy skills must be submitted for consideration of this scholarship. The $5,000 scholarship will be applied to the student’s tuition. For more information, please visit: www.tnybf.org.

The Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellowships
Through the Trusts and Estates Law Section, The New York Bar Foundation offers fellowships for second-year law students. Two fellowships of $5,000 each will be awarded to second-year law students currently enrolled in law schools in New York State. The Fellowship Program will provide students with an opportunity to experience trusts and estates law practice. The ultimate goal of the Fellowship is to create a network and forge relationships among trust and estates law attorneys throughout the State of New York. The ten-week fellowship will take place in the summer. Each fellow will be a guest member of the NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section for one year starting with the award of the fellowship. Additionally, they will be invited to attend an Executive Committee meeting of the Section during the summer.

PLEASE NOTE: These competitions, scholarships and fellowships are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of the section or committee sponsoring them. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the website listed under each item or www.tnybf.org.
Your NYSBA

We are the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA): the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. We are a separate entity from all other professional bar organizations.

At the heart of our mission, NYSBA strives to elevate the standard of integrity, honor and professional skill in the legal profession while fostering a spirit of collegiality among the members of the Association.

More than 75,000 members rely on NYSBA to give them the unique tools, resources and member benefits they need to grow their practices, create networking opportunities, guide them in their search for career opportunities, and in meeting continuing legal education requirements. Access to resources and opportunities is what NYSBA members use to strengthen and build their careers.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

House of Delegates – The legislative and governing body composed of hundreds of members drawn from various judicial districts, local bar associations, Sections, and delegates to the American Bar Association, in addition to the Association officers, Executive Committee, and past presidents.

Executive Committee – A member-comprised administrative and managing body governed by the House of Delegates.

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COME VISIT YOUR BAR CENTER

The New York State Bar Association is located within the New York State Bar Center in Albany, New York at One Elk Street. The Bar Center is home to our staff offices, as well as a law library, member lounges, meeting rooms and resources, all for members’ use and convenience.

The Center is easy to reach if you’re coming from out of town. And it’s within walking distance of the State Capitol, the Court of Appeals, Albany County Courthouse, the State Law Library, the Justice Building, the Attorney General’s office, and other administrative offices. For more information, or to take a tour of our facility, please call us at 518.463.3200.