JUDICIAL DIVISION MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Why should YOU join the Judicial Division?

You become part of a large network of colleagues.

When you join, you become part of a supportive professional network of over 5,000 Judicial Division members passionate about the same things that move you and who deal with what you do every day. Fellow members become an invaluable source of advice and inspiration. Through our Discussion Groups, ABA Member Directory, Events and Committees, members can easily connect with their peers from across the country.

You gain access to judicial-related training and resources.

The Judicial Division is the most complete source within the ABA for educational programs and materials on judicial administration. Our programs, available in live and distance learning format, cover a wide-range of current topics affecting the judiciary for judges and lawyers. Our Divisions' website provides resources to promote and improve the administration of justice, judicial independence and the bench and bar relationship. Members receive FREE and discounted access to these programs and resources.

You are never “out of the loop” on the latest judicial news and trends.

The news never stops, and though our publications, website, and emails, your membership keeps you up-to-date with what's happening in the judiciary and the legal field. Your membership includes subscriptions to:

- **ABA Journal**: a monthly legal trade magazine and the flagship publication of the American Bar Association; complemented on the internet with the ABA Journal Online site and the ABA Journal E Report newsletter.
- **The Judges' Journal**: a quarterly publication and one of the nation's foremost judicial journals and the authoritative source on innovations in the justice system.
- **JD Record**: The Judicial Division's quarterly e-newsletter, keeping you up-to-date the latest Division related news and activities.
- **Highway to Justice**: A quarterly e-bulletin designed to be you a source for national traffic safety news.
- **Appellate Issues**: subscription included for Council of Appellate Lawyer members.
- **CASA Chronicles**: subscription included for Council of Appellate Staff Attorney members.

You have a national voice on important issues.

The Judicial Division is the judicial voice of the American Bar Association. Membership gives you a national voice on key issues and proposed policies that affect the judiciary and serves as a platform for your ideas on improving the judicial administration. Throughout the years the ABA and Judicial Division have advocated improving the judicial process and access to justice. We've worked to lobby policy and position efforts in support of the judiciary including:
• Federal tax intercept bill which would intercept tax refunds for those owing state and local court fines and fees
• Increased federal judicial salaries
• Increased state court funding
• State court discovery guidelines
• Federal and state court security
• Guidelines for representation in criminal and juvenile court cases
• Independence of the administrative law judiciary
• Jury guidelines

**You can share your expertise and enhance your career.**

Because the Judicial Division is a member-influenced organization, it relies heavily on the experience and skill of members for content and delivery. Share your expertise through committee/task force involvement or through opportunities to be published or speak at programs. Just to name a few projects some of our current committees are working on:

• Joint Committee Fighting Implicit Bias in the Justice System: Publishing a book on fighting implicit bias in the justice system and will develop a training curricula for judges, attorneys and court staff based on the book. The Committee is in conjunction with the Sections of Criminal Justice and Litigation.
• Task Force on Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System: Holding hearings at the Midyear Meeting 2015 and a symposium with Northwestern School of Law Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology to share new practices with members of the forensic science and criminal justice communities as well as submitting policy recommendations to the ABA.
• Judicial Outreach on a Shoestring: Publishing a 2nd edition of this book informing readers of successful judicial outreach programs that are easy to replicate; providing a template for successful programs, and suggesting standards to measure the programs’ success.
• 3-Day Conference with the National Judicial College and American Judicature Society: Presenting 17 classes for trial court judges in conjunction with NJC and AJS.
• State Court Funding: Worked with the National Center for State Courts and the ABA Task Force on State Court Funding to develop regional meetings for state chief justices and members of their court systems to develop and analyze methods for increasing state court funding.
• Judicial Disqualification: Worked with other ABA entities and the Conference of Chief Justices to develop ABA policy to address considerations/standards for judicial disqualification.

**You can help shape the future of the judiciary through outreach.**

The Judicial Division provides the channels for you to promote diversity in the courts and on the bench through its many outreach programs and initiatives. The Division is committed to improving the understanding of the judiciary and the need for fair, impartial and diverse courts. Our initiative and programs include:

• **Judicial Clerkship Program**: Held annually in conjunction with the ABA Midyear Meeting, this program is designed to bring judges and minority law students together through structured networking and educational activities that encourage them to apply for judicial clerkships.
• **Standing Committee on Diversity in the Judiciary Youth Outreach Program:** Held at the ABA Annual and Midyear Meetings, the Youth Outreach program brings together judges and lawyers with students to engage in topics such as Path to the Bench, Rights and Responsibilities, Freedom of Speech, and Civics and Law.

• **Perceptions of Justice Project:** Stemming from what began as an open forum for dialogue between judges and members of local communities about perceptions of, and personal experiences, with the justice system held in several states, this project works to create programs and resources on implicit bias.

**Your membership can pay for itself.**

ABA membership can pay for itself through discounts and savings. Our members have access to complimentary and discounted programs and events, brand-name products and services plus members-only pricing at ABA Advantage and ShopABA. For current promotions and discounts on ABA Advantage, visit [www.ambar.org/advantage](http://www.ambar.org/advantage).

Our ABA Advantage categories include:

**Travel:** ABA Preferred Rate Hotels CQ Club Quarter Hotels, Hertz, Dollar Car Rental, Thrifty Car Rental and Egencia.

**Lifestyle:** 1.800Flowers.com, Mercedes Benz, Hertz Car Sales, Brooks Brothers, and Whirlpool.

**Insurance and Finance:** ABA Retirement Funds, Insurance for ABA Members, Bank of America, and Law Pay.

**Office Products and Services:** Office Depot, UPS, PAYCHEX, Sprint Business, Shred-it, and Xerox

**Technology and Legal Education:** Clio, Lenovo, Dell, Ricoh, Mycase, Marketing 360, Sage Timeslips, and Reputation Defender.