



# Center for Professional Responsibility

## Lawyer Regulatory Agency Group Membership

### 1. WHAT IS THE LAWYER REGULATORY AGENCY GROUP PROGRAM?

The Lawyer Regulatory Agency Group Membership Program was developed by the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility in conjunction with the ABA Public Services Membership Group Program. The program offers staff lawyers and non-lawyer associates from state disciplinary agencies, disciplinary boards, lawyers' funds for client protection or other related lawyer regulatory staff joint membership in both the ABA and the Center for Professional Responsibility at a reduced ABA membership fee

### 2. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

- Group members pay only \$170 per-person for both ABA and Center for Professional Responsibility dues.
- A Group Administrator serves as a single point of contact regarding all membership items which can be managed online.
- A consolidated invoice makes it easy to pay and track changes to your group.
- ABA Group Program specialists offer a high level of customer service for any questions you may have.

### 3. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- To establish a group, 50% of participants must be new or former ABA members.
- Groups must contain a minimum of five people. Staff lawyers and non-lawyer associates from state regulatory agencies can join together to form a group.
- One individual must be designated as the Group Administrator, responsible for collecting and transmitting dues payments and making membership updates.

### 4. HOW ARE GROUPS DEFINED?

A group can consist of staff lawyers or non-lawyer associates from your state regulatory agencies, including disciplinary agencies, disciplinary board, lawyers' fund for client protection or other lawyer regulatory bodies.

Although the group membership is managed by a central Administrator, each group participant receives individual benefits of both the ABA and the Center for Professional Responsibility including the unparalleled CLE, publication and networking resources of [ABA membership](#) and [Center member benefits](#) including:

- Ethics opinions as they are released and access to an online ethics opinion library
- Revised editions of the *ABA Model Rules on Professional Conduct* as published
- Subscription to the *Professional Lawyer* and its annual *Journal*
- Discounts on registration fees for the annual National Conference on Professional Responsibility, National Forum on Client Protection and other CLE events
- Research assistance from the ETHICSearch Research Service

- Discounts on publications

5. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GROUP ADMINISTRATOR?

The Group Administrator serves as a single point of contact for the group, and is solely responsible for collecting and transmitting all dues and making membership updates to the account.

6. I HAVE A GROUP OF INTERESTED COLLEAGUES. HOW DO WE SIGN-UP?

To obtain an enrollment form, e-mail Sarah Bollinger, Manager of Group Program Sales, at: [sarah.bollinger@americanbar.org](mailto:sarah.bollinger@americanbar.org) or call 312.988.5531.

The Group Administrator will receive a group invoice at the next scheduled bill date.

7. CAN I MAKE UPDATES TO MY GROUP ONLINE?

Yes. The Online Group Membership website allows the Group Administrator to make membership updates. You need a Login ID and password to view the actual site. Once a new group has been enrolled in the program and a Login ID has been created and sent to the Group Administrator, they can use the site to make membership updates.

8. SOME OF OUR GROUP MEMBERS WANT TO PAY USING CREDIT CARDS? IS THIS POSSIBLE?

Dues may be paid using credit cards; Please send the credit card number and expiration date of the card when mailing in the payment.

Individual checks may also be sent for payment. Please ensure that all forms of payment are sent in one mailing after your group receives its bill for the year.

9. WHAT IF A MEMBER DROPS OUT OF MY GROUP? HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THE GROUP?

As long as your group is able to maintain five members, you are still eligible for the group discount. New members are always welcome to join your group. It is the responsibility of the Group Administrator to document this information and distribute any individual refunds.

10. I'VE ALREADY PAID MY DUES FOR THIS YEAR. CAN I GET A REFUND OR A CREDIT?

Previous dues payments will be transferred to the newly formed group account. The group administrator will be responsible for documenting this information and distributing.

**ENROLL TODAY**

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