Dear Government, Military and Public Sector Committee Members.

GMPS is the home for all government, military and public sector young lawyers. We are a practicing committee, so while you may practice primarily labor and employment law, criminal law or administrative law, we still want you to know we are here to help navigate being a GMPS lawyer.

From our name alone, it is obvious that lawyers in our committee face different challenges than private sector lawyers. In fact, we often hear fellow GMPS lawyers say, “The ABA doesn’t have much to offer me – I’m a GMPS attorney, and the ABA is primarily focused on private practice.” After being involved with ABA leadership for over a year now, we can assure you this could not be further from the truth. The very nature of the fields we practice in ties us into every private practice topic the ABA deals with. Essentially, we are the one group of lawyers that are connected to every other group from the start. Because of which, we are in a position to collaborate with more people and help determine what the ABA focuses on.

Furthermore, anything and everything the ABA can do for the private sector, it can do for you:

NETWORKING: Networking is just as important for the public sector as it is for the private sector. Whether you are looking to move up or move out in your career, it’s not who you know – it’s who knows you! Remember, we are already in a position to meet and collaborate with many different lawyers from many different fields.

EDUCATION: If you want to keep abreast of the latest issues affecting your practice, the ABA is the premier provider of continuing legal education.

LEADERSHIP: Nothing compliments your resume and builds your ability to be an effective and successful lawyer like a leadership position.

PUBLICATION: Publication works in the same way leadership does: it builds your knowledge and expertise while promoting your name and abilities.

With that being said, please contact us if you want to be more involved! GMP is always looking for new articles to be published in our newsletters and 101/201 articles. We are also looking for new ideas for program proposals and resolution proposals. Furthermore, we will be featuring GMPSC members with “Membership Profiles” on our webpage and in newsletters. Please contact us if you would like to be featured in a “Membership Profile” this year.
Finally, we will be teaming up with different Young Lawyers Committees for monthly committee calls. We would love to have you join these calls to be more involved and find ways to contribute and grow as an attorney. We will be posting details about these calls on the website and emailing you friendly reminders.

GMPSC Website:

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyer/committees/government.html

Section of State and Local Government Law’s Young Lawyers Committee Website:

http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=LG006500&edit=1&new=1

We look forward to working with you in the coming bar year; if you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to us. We truly enjoy talking with other young attorneys, and are happy to answer any ABA questions you may have. No question or comment is too small.

Sincerely,

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