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# Minnesota State Bar Association

**Attorney Membership  
Application  
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**



# Membership Requirements

- The Minnesota State Bar Association is a voluntary organization of legal professionals who live or practice law in Minnesota.
- Membership is open to attorneys admitted to practice law in good standing in Minnesota or other states.
- Membership is renewed in July of each year for all members, regardless of join date.
- By joining, you authorize the MSBA and district bars to send member communications to you using your mail and e-mail addresses and fax number furnished by you.
- MSBA Bylaws require membership in at least one district bar association, either where you live or work.

## Special Membership Categories

If you fit one of the following categories you qualify for reduced dues as shown in the box to the right.

**Disabled** - A member who is totally disabled is exempt from state and district dues.

**Public Attorney** - A member employed exclusively by a government agency full or part-time. Includes law clerks, judges, and faculty at public universities/colleges.

**Legal Services** - A member employed by a legal services program representing low-income clients for no charge or a reduced fee.

**Active Military** - A member on active duty (other than for training) with the United States armed services, Peace Corps, or VISTA.

**Nonresident** - A member admitted to the Minnesota bar who neither resides nor practices law in Minnesota.

**Under \$45,000 Income** - A member with adjusted gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, of less than \$45,000 for the past year.

**Emeritus** - A member 70 years or older, no longer in full-time practice.

**Retired** - A member who has been granted retired status on his or her license by the Supreme Court.

Membership Category	MSBA Dues	HCBA Dues	RCBA Dues	All Other Districts
<b>Disabled</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Attorney</b>				
Junior	\$127	\$105	\$70	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$164	\$143	\$97	
Senior	\$202	\$180	\$131	
<b>Legal Services</b>				
Junior	\$85	\$70	\$47	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$110	\$95	\$65	
Senior	\$135	\$120	\$91	
<b>Active Military</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Nonresident</b>				
Junior	\$85	\$70	\$47	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$110	\$95	\$65	
Senior	\$135	\$120	\$91	
<b>Income &lt;\$45K</b>				
Junior	\$54	\$35	\$23	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$54	\$48	\$32	
Senior	\$54	\$60	\$45	
<b>Emeritus</b>	\$202	\$180	\$135	Full Dues
<b>Retired</b>	\$35	\$35	\$91	\$0

**Want to apply online?**

**Visit [mnbar.org](http://mnbar.org) and click "Join".**



## Contact Information

Last Name	First Name	MI
Home Address		
Home Address		
City/State/Zip		
Telephone	Fax	
	Male/Female	
Date of Birth	Circle one	
Attorney License #		
Date Admitted to Any Bar	Date Admitted to MN Bar	
Business/Company		
Business Address		
Business Address		
City/State/Zip		
Business Phone	Business Fax	
Email		

Preferred mailing address: Home  Business   
 Preferred address for MSBA online directory: Home  Business  None

## Payment Options

#1 MSBA Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 #2 District Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 #3 Optional Section Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see reverse page)  
 #4 Optional Contributions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see reverse page)  
**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Payment Options:  Check made payable to MSBA

**Note: The MSBA does not accept credit card payments via mail, fax or email. To pay using a credit card, please fill out an application online by visiting:**

[mbar.org](http://mbar.org)

## #1 State Bar Dues

Circle the Appropriate Fee Below

Category Based on Date Admitted to Any Bar	MSBA Standard Rate	Special Category From Page 2 (Write In)	Discount Dues Amount From Page 2 (Write In)
New Admittee: After 1/1/2019	\$0		
Junior: 7/1/16-12/31/18	\$169		
Intermediate: 7/1/14-6/30/16	\$219		
Senior: Before 6/30/14	\$269		

## #2 District Bar Dues

Members must choose at least one district either where you live or work. Nonresidents may choose any district.

Check	District	Dues
	1 (Dakota, Goodhue)	\$35
	2 (Ramsey)	Jr \$93 Int \$129 Sr \$180
	3 (Houston, Olmsted, Wabasha, Winona)	\$40
	4 (Hennepin)	Jr \$140 Int \$190 Sr \$240
	5 (Dodge, Rice, Steele, Waseca)	\$20
	6 (Blue Earth, Nicollet, Watonwan)	\$60
	7 (Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Wadena)	\$14
	8 (Carver, LeSueur, McLeod, Scott, Sibley)	\$50
	9 (Brown, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood)	\$40
	10 (Freeborn, Fillmore, Mower)	\$10
	11 (Carlton, Cook, Lake, Southern St. Louis)	Jr \$25 Int \$50 Sr \$65
	12 (Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Meeker, Renville, Swift, Yellow Medicine)	\$35
	13 (Cottonwood, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rock)	\$15
	14 (Kittson, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau)	\$4
	15 (Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods)	\$40
	16 (Big Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin)	\$25
	17 (Faribault, Martin, Jackson)	\$5
	18 (Isanti, Sherburne, Wright)	Jr \$20 Int \$45 Sr \$45
	19 (Chisago, Kanabec, Pine, Washington)	\$15
	20 Range Bar (Northern St. Louis)	\$45
	21 (Anoka)	\$40

### #3 Section Dues

MSBA sections provide information and programs targeted to particular practice or interest areas. Membership is optional. To join MSBA sections **check your selections below and enter dues amount on line #3 (page 3) under payment. Section dues include an \$10 admin. fee.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Law - \$30                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law - \$28<br>(Public/Legal Services \$13)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food, Drug & Device Law - \$30<br>(Public/Legal Services - \$25)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate & Trust Law - \$28<br>Public/Legal Services \$20)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural & Rural Law - \$15                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Litigation Law - \$28<br>(Public/Legal Services - \$18)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Minnesota Practice - \$20   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Law - \$27<br>(Public/Legal Services \$17)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution - \$37                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Counsel - \$35<br>(Public/Legal Services -\$25)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Law - \$32<br>(Public/Legal Services \$15)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Law - \$32   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Law - \$32<br>(Public/Legal Services \$27)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law - \$22   | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Law - \$30  | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property Law - \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law - \$27<br>(Public/Legal Services \$10)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law - \$25<br>(Public/Legal Services -\$23)   | <input type="checkbox"/> International Business Law - \$35<br>(Public/Legal Services \$33)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability Law - \$28                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Practice - \$35<br>(Public/Legal Services \$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits Law - \$23  | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment Law - \$37<br>(Public/Legal Services \$10)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo and Small Firm - \$22  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy - \$50<br>(Public/Legal Serv./U45k- \$32)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Natural<br>Resources & Energy Law - \$35<br>(Public/Legal Services - \$30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military & Veterans Affairs Law - \$28  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports, Art & Entertain. Law - \$28<br>(Public/Legal Services \$23) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law - \$25                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law - \$35<br>(Public/Legal Serv.or U45k - \$25)                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Lawyers - Free<br><i>(New Admits, Juniors, Intermediates are<br/>automatically added to the section)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Law - \$27  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children & the Law - \$25                                 |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Management &<br>Marketing - \$24   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Law - \$30   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Litigation - \$30<br>(Public/Legal Services - \$25) |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Law - \$27                                 |  |  |  |

### #4 Contributions

**MSBA Legislative Fund** - The Legislative Fund is used for MSBA lobbying efforts. Included are related copying, postage, and other communication costs; staff time devoted to legislative activity; lobbyist expenses; and other related expenses. The fund will be reserved for lobbying activities and any unspent funds will be carried forward to future years. Your contribution is a nondeductible lobby expense for tax purposes.

**MSB Foundation** - The Foundation is the charitable arm of the MSBA and provides monetary grants to community and bar-related programs and activities in the area of legal assistance to the disadvantaged, law-related education, and improvement of the administration of justice. Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

**HCBA Foundation** - The Foundation provides grants to support law-related community and bar programs. Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

**RCBA Foundation** - The Foundation provides grants to support law-related community and bar programs. Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

Contributions are optional. Your contribution may be more or less than the amounts suggested below. **To contribute, check your selection and enter the amount due on line #4 (page 3) under payment options.**

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|--|------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MSBA Legislative Fund | \$25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MSB Foundation        | \$25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HCBA Foundation       | \$25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCBA Foundation       | \$20 | \$ _____ |

### Required Notices

The MSBA periodically rents its USPS mailing list (mailing addresses only) on a selective basis to qualified users. **Members may have their names excluded from rented USPS mail lists by checking this box:**  Exclude my name from all rented USPS lists provided to selected users.

- **Tax Notice** - Membership dues are not tax-deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax-deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of Association lobbying activities. The nondeductible portion of your MSBA 2019-20 dues—the portion which is allocated to lobbying—is 5% plus any contribution to the Legislative Fund.
- **Publications** - MSBA dues include a one-year subscription to *Bench & Bar* (\$25). HCBA dues include a one-year subscription to *The Hennepin Lawyer*. Publications are not optional and their price cannot be deducted from the amount due.
- **Privacy Policy** - Please visit the MSBA website, [www.mnbar.org](http://www.mnbar.org), the HCBA website, [www.hcba.org](http://www.hcba.org), and the RCBA website, [www.ramseybar.org](http://www.ramseybar.org), for the privacy policy with regard to member communications of each bar association.