



**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN
BAR ASSOCIATION**

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

**Northwest Suburban Bar Association
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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association. The NWSBA is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by inspiring excellence in the practice of law. As a member of the NWSBA, you will be part of a network of more than 650 attorneys who live and/or practice law in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

Your dues help support programs and services that benefit not only our members but our community in general. Please take a moment to review the following pages to discover the many ways you can become a valuable and active member of the Association.

We welcome any questions you might have regarding your membership. Please feel free to contact us at the numbers provided below.

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Executive Director
NWSBA
847-221-2601

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Membership Committee
847-253-8800

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Co-Chair
Membership Committee
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**2010 marked the 50th Anniversary
of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association.**

Come be a part of our tradition and service in the Northwest suburbs!

***The Northwest Suburban Bar Association
Is an Accredited CLE Provider for Illinois MCLE.***

REVENUE GENERATING PROGRAMS/SERVICES <i>Members Pay a Nominal Fee to Participate</i>	VALUE ADDED BENEFITS	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICES
Attorney Referral Service: The Attorney Referral Service helps area residents locate an attorney that is suitable for their needs. See page 6 of this application for a description of the ARS program.	Continuing Legal Education: Get your MCLE credit with the NWSBA at a discounted member rate. We offer 8-10 seminars and dinner meetings per season. Our seminars will accommodate attorneys who are new in the field or have been practicing for years.	Northwest Suburban Bar Association Foundation: Each year the Foundation provides the "Honorable Timothy C. Evans Scholarship" to local law school students.
Public Access Directory: Advertising on the NWSBA website, including a link to your own website.	Newsbriefs: Membership includes a yearly subscription to <i>Newsbriefs</i> , a monthly publication of the NWSBA.	Pro Se Court: NWSBA members volunteer to assist Pro Se Court/Small Claims/Paternity litigants with their questions regarding preparation of documents and to answer general questions.
In-Court Referral Program: The In-Court Referral Program was established by the NWSBA for qualified attorneys to provide legal services on traffic/felony/misdemeanor cases. Participation in this program requires a separate application process; contact the Association office for details.	Law Committees: Being active on an NWSBA committee offers an excellent chance to meet other attorneys who practice in your own field or allows you to become familiar with other fields that you might want to venture.	Court Facilitator Program: NWSBA members volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon to assist the Domestic Relations judges in reaching agreements on pending disputes.
	Dinner Meetings: Encourages camaraderie among the membership and is a great opportunity to network with other attorneys. CLE seminars are offered at every dinner meeting.	People's Law School/Law Day/Senior Day: NWSBA members volunteer their time to instruct community members on various areas of the law. People's Law School and Senior Day are in conjunction with District 214.
	Social Events: The NWSBA is host to many social events throughout the year. From our annual Golf Outing to Judges' Night, an annual get together with members and the judiciary, there is something for everyone.	Holiday Assistance Program: Each year the NWSBA collects a nominal donation from all attendees at the Holiday Party to purchase necessary goods for local families in need during the holiday season.
		Judicial Screening: Judicial candidates are investigated, screened and evaluated by a committee of NWSBA members.

Application for Membership

Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____
Last First MI

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip

Office Telephone: (____) _____ Office Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

City State Zip

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Home Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

EDUCATION:

Undergrad Degree Obtained From: _____

Year Graduated: _____

Law School Attended: _____

Year Graduated: _____

ARDC #: _____

Year Admitted to the Illinois State Bar: _____

Year Admitted to the Federal Trial Bar: _____

Other Jurisdictions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Fields of Concentration:

Fluent in the Following Languages:
(Can conduct business in this language)

I Have An Interest In Being Active In The Following Committee(s):

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| <input type="radio"/> Awards Committee | <input type="radio"/> Bench Bar Relations | <input type="radio"/> By-Laws Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Civil Litigation | <input type="radio"/> Continuing Legal Educ. | <input type="radio"/> Corporate/Business |
| <input type="radio"/> Criminal Law | <input type="radio"/> Dinner Meetings | <input type="radio"/> Employment Law |
| <input type="radio"/> Estate Planning | <input type="radio"/> Golf Outing | <input type="radio"/> Holiday Party |
| <input type="radio"/> Housing Court | <input type="radio"/> Intellectual Property | <input type="radio"/> Judges' Night |
| <input type="radio"/> Judicial Screening | <input type="radio"/> Law Day | <input type="radio"/> Long Range Planning |
| <input type="radio"/> Matrimonial Law | <input type="radio"/> Membership | <input type="radio"/> Mock Trial |
| <input type="radio"/> Municipal Law | <input type="radio"/> Newsbriefs | <input type="radio"/> Probate Jurisdiction |
| <input type="radio"/> Pro Se Court | <input type="radio"/> Public Relations | <input type="radio"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="radio"/> Referral Service | <input type="radio"/> Social Security | <input type="radio"/> Suburban Bar Coalition |
| <input type="radio"/> Traffic Law | <input type="radio"/> Website/IT | |

I Would Like To Volunteer for the Following Programs:

The Northwest Suburban Bar Association relies heavily on our membership to help us fulfill our commitment to our community. Volunteering is a great networking tool, and since most of our members live and/or practice in the northwest suburbs, your efforts service your own community. Please consider volunteering for one or more of these programs.

<p><input type="radio"/> Court Facilitator</p> <p>A unique program to the Third Municipal District. Volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon to assist the Domestic Relations judges.</p> <p>Dates are coordinated through the Association office. Call to sign up for a date that is convenient for you.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Paternity Court Facilitator</p> <p>Volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to assist the Paternity Call.</p> <p>Dates are coordinated through the Association office. Call to sign up for a date that is convenient for you.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Pro Se Court</p> <p>Assist people in Pro Se Court to answer their questions regarding small claims and more. Volunteers are needed every Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m..</p> <p>Dates are coordinated through the Association office. Call to sign up for a date that is convenient for you.</p>
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I Have An Interest In Participating In One Or More Of The Following Programs:

<p><input type="radio"/> Attorney Referral Service</p> <p>The Attorney Referral Service is a fee based service that matches a prospective client with an attorney who best meets their specific needs (area of law, geographic location, etc.).</p> <p>There is a separate fee to be part of the ARS due to the potential for new business.</p> <p>For more detailed information, call the Association office to request a packet, or go to www.nwsba.org and follow the link under the navigation tab labeled “For Lawyers”.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> In-Court Bar Program</p> <p>The In-Court Bar Program is a model that was established by the NWSBA and is designed to provide quality legal counsel to defendants who appear in court without private counsel and who agree to the assignment of a Bar attorney.</p> <p>Participation in the In-Court Bar Program requires a separate application and additional fees due to the potential for new business.</p> <p>For more detailed information, call the Association office to request a packet, or go to www.nwsba.org and follow the link under the navigation tab labeled “For Lawyers”.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Public Access Directory</p> <p>Public Access Directory (PAD) is a way for members to market their business on line to internet users accessing our website. Potential clients using the website can find an attorney by choosing the law category that best suits their needs. The directory lists your name, address and phone number and provides a free link to your website. The list is also accessible to attorneys outside our service area.</p> <p>Participation in the Public Access Directory requires a separate application and additional fees due to the potential for new business.</p> <p>For more detailed information, call the Association office to request a packet, or go to www.nwsba.org and follow the link under the navigation tab labeled “For Lawyers”.</p>
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Dues Schedule and Fees

NWSBA membership is available to any person admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois and in good standing, and any current or retired member of the Judiciary of the State of Illinois. Please indicate below which program (s) you would like to participate in.

Fees are prorated for initial membership only; an invoice will be mailed to you.

A) Current Dues (Semi Annual)

Regular Rate

Licensed more than four (4) years \$ 100.00 _____

Government Rate

State’s Attorneys, Judges, and Public Defenders \$ 50.00 _____

New Member Rate

Licensed by Illinois Bar less than four (4) years \$ 50.00 _____

Part Time Rate

Attorneys working 30 hours per week or less, verified by submission of sworn affidavit attesting to same \$ 50.00 _____

Law Firm Rate

Min. of 10 attorneys must be members of the Association \$ 75.00 _____

B) Attorney Referral Service (Semi Annual)

Referral Service Membership (Basic Package) \$ 65.00 _____
 Additional Categories (\$10.00 each)

C) Public Access Directory (Semi Annual) (Basic Package)

\$ 60.00 _____
 Additional Categories (\$10.00 each)

D) Third District In Court Bar Program (Semi-Annual)

\$ 75.00 _____
 Separate application required-please call the Association

E) NWSBA Foundation Scholarship Fund (Optional)

\$ 5.00 _____
 Provides scholarships to area law school students

It is hereby understood and agreed by the undersigned that in applying for participation in the Association Attorney Referral Plan of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, hereinafter referred to as the “Association”, that the undersigned will abide by all of the Attorney Referral Plan By-Laws and Rules adopted pursuant to said By-Laws. It is further understood and agreed that the undersigned hereby waives any and all claims against the Association, its Board, the Association Attorney Referral Plan Committee and its members and agents, for any liability or loss arising out of the referral of clients to the undersigned. In addition, the undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Association, its Officers, and members of its Board of Governors and of the Association Attorney Referral Plan Committee and its agents, from any and all claims, demands, actions, judgment, liability or loss, including attorneys fees and costs, which may arise from or be incurred as a result of any and all referrals of clients to the undersigned.

It is understood and agreed that upon acceptance of this membership application by the Association, that the undersigned agrees to abide by the By-laws of the Association and its rules and Regulations. The undersigned further grants authorization to the Association to make inquiry of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary System of the Illinois Supreme Court concerning the status of the Undersigned.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____