

# Minnesota State Bar Association

## **Our Purpose**

- To aid the courts in the administration of justice.
- To apply the knowledge and experience of the profession to the public good.
- To maintain in the profession high standards of learning, competence, ethics and public service.
- To conduct a program of continuing legal education.
- To organize into the MSBA the entire bench and bar of Minnesota and correlate the activities of the affiliated associations.
- To provide a forum for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the practice of law, the science of jurisprudence and law reform, and to publish information relating thereto.
- To cooperate with other bar associations and organizations to further MSBA objectives.

## **Our Mission**

The mission of the MSBA is to coordinate the professional activities of Minnesota's lawyers working together to provide universal access to a quality justice system, maintaining high standards of competence and ethics for lawyers, and providing public service and education. In working toward our mission, the MSBA commits to principles of equality and fairness and to make maximum use of technology. The MSBA is organized to represent the interests of all Minnesota lawyers; effectively establish Association policy; and efficiently use Association resources.

## **Goals**

### *Goal 1: Universal access to a quality justice system*

The MSBA commits to a partnership with Minnesota courts to provide meaningful access for Minnesotans and to maintain a quality justice system.

### *Goal 2: Acceptance/Inclusion*

The MSBA commits to principles of equality and fairness and will clearly demonstrate the value of diversity to the legal community.

### *Goal 3: Technology*

The MSBA commits to develop technology resources to: a) assist members in becoming more successful by applying technology in their practices and b) make the MSBA more efficient in delivering services to its members.

### *Goal 4: Professionalism*

In cooperation with the court and law schools, the MSBA commits to nurture the lifelong quest for professionalism by promoting professionalism ideals and implementing programs which develop a sense of professionalism.

### *Goal 5: Communications and Community Education*

The MSBA commits to position Minnesota's legal profession as a positive and constructive force in society.

*Goal 6: Association Governance*

The MSBA commits to an organizational structure that represents the interests of all lawyers; effectively establishes Association policy; and efficiently uses Association resources.

*Goal 7: Competent Legal Services*

The MSBA commits to providing information that assists members in delivering quality legal services.