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2011-12 Attorney
Application Form

Minnesota State Bar Association

Attorney Membership Application

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012



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 \$35,000 Income - A member with adjusted gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, of less than \$35,000 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
Disabled	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Attorney				
Junior	\$110	\$92	\$60	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$148	\$129	\$83	
Senior	\$185	\$162	\$116	
Legal Services				
Junior	\$74	\$61	\$40	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$99	\$86	\$55	
Senior	\$124	\$108	\$78	
Active Military	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nonresident				
Junior	\$74	\$61	\$40	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$99	\$86	\$55	
Senior	\$124	\$108	\$78	
Income <\$35K				
Junior	\$49	\$31	\$20	Full Dues
Intermediate	\$49	\$43	\$28	
Senior	\$49	\$54	\$39	
Emeritus	\$185	\$162	\$116	Full Dues
Retired	\$124	\$108	\$78	\$0

Want to apply online?

Visit www.mnbar.org and click on "Become a Member" in the top right corner.



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 \$ _____

Check Enclosed
 Visa/MasterCard/AmEx

_____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

#1 State 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 1/1/2011	\$0		
Junior: 7/1/08-12/31/10	\$147		
Intermediate: 7/1/06-6/30/08	\$197		
Senior: Before 6/30/06	\$247		

#2 District 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)	\$30
	2 (Ramsey)	Jr \$80 Int \$110 Sr \$155
	3 (Houston, Olmsted, Wabasha, Winona)	\$30
	4 (Hennepin)	Jr \$122 Int \$172 Sr \$216
	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)	\$12
	8 (Carver, LeSuer, Mcleod, Scott, Sibley)	\$35
	9 (Brown, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood)	\$30
	10 (Freeborn, Fillmore, Mower)	\$5
	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)	\$12
	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)	\$10
	16 (Big Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin)	\$25
	17 (Faribault, Martin, Jackson)	\$5
	18 (Isanti, Sherburne, Wright)	Jr \$20 Int \$35 Sr \$35
	19 (Chisago, Kanabec, Pine, Washington)	\$10
	20 Range Bar (Northern St. Louis)	\$45
	21 (Anoka)	\$35

#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**

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Law - \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer & Technology Law - \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Law - \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Law - \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural & Rural Law - \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law - \$26
(Public/Legal Services \$11) | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Law - \$16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property Law - \$21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution - \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Litigation Law - \$26 | <input type="checkbox"/> International Business Law - \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability Law - \$26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Law - \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Counsel - \$31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment Law - \$35
(Public/Legal Services \$21) | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo and Small Firm - \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law - \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law - \$20 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Lawyers - Free
<i>(New Admits, Juniors, Intermediates are automatically added to the section)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Law - \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Practice - \$31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law - \$21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstate Practice - \$16 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Entertainment Law - \$41 | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits Law - \$21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Management & Marketing - \$31 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy - \$45
(Public/Legal Services \$30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law - \$26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate & Trust Law - \$20 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law - \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law - \$31
(Public/Legal Services or Under 35K - \$21) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Law - \$20
(Public/Legal Services \$10) | TOTAL Section Dues: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children & the Law - \$20 | | | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Litigation - \$15
(Public/Legal Services \$10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food, Drug & Device Law - \$21 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Law - \$25 | | | |

#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 | \$10 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MSB Foundation | \$25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HCBA Foundation | \$20 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCBA Foundation | \$20 | \$ _____ |

Required Notices

The MSBA periodically rents its postal mail list (mailing addresses only) on a selective basis to qualified users. **Members may have their names excluded from rented mail lists by checking this box:** Exclude my name from all rented 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 2011-12 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* (\$35). HCBA dues include a one-year subscription to *The Hennepin Lawyer* (\$25). Publications are not optional and their price cannot be deducted from the amount due.
- **Privacy Policy** - Please visit the MSBA website, www.mnbar.org, the HCBA website, www.hcba.org, and the RCBA website, www.ramseybar.org, for the privacy policy with regard to member communications of each bar association.