

# Member Benefits



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CBA members receive special opportunities and discounts from numerous providers, allowing them access to the resources needed to achieve their goals as a practitioner. Companies can apply to a new member benefit provider in the summer, are approved by the Membership Committee in the fall, and are available to members in January.

## **CBA Resources and Services**

The CBA provides a variety of resources and services to members to help them grow as practitioners and advance the legal profession.

### **CBA Career Center**

This online legal job board is a one-stop resource for legal jobs in Connecticut and across the country. Job seekers can post their resume for free to be visible to hundreds of legal employers, and can view and apply for legal jobs. In addition, employers can post their jobs for a nominal fee. Access the CBA Career Center at [jobs.ctbar.org](http://jobs.ctbar.org)

### **Connecticut Bar Journal**

The *Connecticut Bar Journal* is a scholarly periodical that features articles on a variety of legal topics. Published quarterly under the direction of a board of editors, the *Journal* is free to all members and is available on a subscription basis to non-members. An electronic archive of back issues as well as Advance Release articles—articles made available in advance of full publication of an issue—are available at [ctbar.org/CBJArchive](http://ctbar.org/CBJArchive).

If members are interested in writing for the journal, they should contact Sarah E. Murray, editor-in-chief, at [smurray@broderorland.com](mailto:smurray@broderorland.com). Visit [ctbar.org/CBJ](http://ctbar.org/CBJ) for more information, including editorial guidelines.

### **Connecticut Lawyer Magazine**

*Connecticut Lawyer* magazine is an exclusive publication free to all members that contributes to lawyers' professional growth; informs readers of important legislative changes, court decisions, and other issues arising in the legal profession; and keeps members abreast of CBA activities. An online edition of the magazine as well as an electronic archive of back issues are available at [ctbar.org/CTLawyerArchive](http://ctbar.org/CTLawyerArchive).

E-mail [editor@ctbar.org](mailto:editor@ctbar.org) to submit an article for consideration, obtain information for the "CBA News and Events" section, or have any other editorial inquiries. Visit [ctbar.org/CTLawyer](http://ctbar.org/CTLawyer) for more information, including editorial guidelines.

## **Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Resources**

The CBA has substantial CLE offerings available to members at discounted prices.

### **CLE Credit Tracker**

Our free CLE Credit Tracker makes it easy for members to record their CLE credits and meet the MCLE requirements. CLE credits for CBA programs automatically track to the professional development journal in member profiles. This transcript can be searched, emailed, and printed, and is available to members so they do not have to worry about keeping independent records. The tracker even allows members to add CLE credits earned elsewhere. For more information, visit [ctbar.org/CLETracker](http://ctbar.org/CLETracker).

### **Education Portal**

The CBA has a long history of providing high quality CLE and other educational programming for the Connecticut legal community, featuring top practitioners and other subject matter experts. Our seminars are designed to meet the changing needs of attorneys to stay informed about the latest developments in law and to keep their skills sharp.

Members receive special discounts on our education programs, including CLE seminars, cutting edge conferences, and on-demand products. To find out more about our offerings, to register for a live program, or to purchase a recorded seminar, visit [ctbar.org/EducationPortal](http://ctbar.org/EducationPortal).

### **CLE On-Demand**

Members can purchase video or audio on-demand CLE products to access anywhere, anytime that is convenient for them, as many times as they wish. This dimension for our educational programs provides greater value for members who may not be able to attend the live event.

On-Demand seminars include CLE verification codes that can be entered online, allowing the CBA to offer New York CLE credit for these programs. Watching or listening to these seminars will also count towards the Connecticut MCLE requirements. For a complete list of our On-Demand CLE catalogue, visit [ctbar.org/CLEOnDemand](http://ctbar.org/CLEOnDemand).

### **In-person CLE**

The CBA hosts over 100 high-quality CLE in-person seminars each year, presented *by* Connecticut attorneys, *for* Connecticut attorneys. CLE programs are well-organized, well-presented, and focus on actionable learning outcomes for practitioners. Our seminars help not only participants, but also those members who serve as faculty in advancing their practice, their careers, and their reputations.

### **Complimentary On-Demand CLE Archive**

The CBA provides audio files and materials from past CLE seminars – free to members. As a member, you can satisfy your MCLE requirements on your own

time, for no additional cost, with the Complimentary On-Demand Archive. This resource is available to non-member for an additional cost.

### **Find a Lawyer CT (Online Public Member Directory)**

Find a Lawyer CT is a publicly searchable online directory of all CBA attorney members. This valuable self-search tool is a quick and easy way for the general public to tap in to our network of attorneys and learn about the members of this association who may be of help to them. Find a Lawyer CT allows people to connect with a lawyer by:

- Name
- Employer/Firm Name
- Practice Area
- Location
- And More!

Select contact information contained in a member's profile is available in this directory, unless they choose to opt out. Visit [ctbar.org/find](http://ctbar.org/find) for more information on this service.

### **HeinOnline Publications Archive**

Archives of *Connecticut Lawyer* magazine (since its first issue in 1990) and the *Connecticut Bar Journal* (since its first issue in 1927) are available from HeinOnline. Members can easily search keywords, authors, and titles in individual publications or across both. Visit [ctbar.org/HeinOnlineArchives](http://ctbar.org/HeinOnlineArchives) for access today.

### **Lawyer-to-Lawyer Dispute Resolution Program**

Lawyer-to-Lawyer Dispute Resolution is a voluntary, confidential program designed to help attorneys resolve disputes including but not limited to law firm dissolution, withdrawal of a partner or shareholder from the firm, and allocation of fee between lawyers in different firms.

Participants may select mediation only, arbitration only, or mediation followed by arbitration of all disputes not resolved through mediation. Each party pays a nominal administrative fee (CBA members get a discount on the fee) and a modest per diem fee for the mediator and/or arbitrator. For more information on the Lawyer-to-Lawyer Dispute Resolution Program, contact program administrator Carol DeJohn at (860)612-2000 or [cdejohn@ctbar.org](mailto:cdejohn@ctbar.org) or visit [ctbar.org/LTLDisputeResolution](http://ctbar.org/LTLDisputeResolution).

### **Legislative Affairs**

The CBA's Legislative Affairs Program is our members' voice at the Capitol. Our legislative team works diligently to enhance the practice of law for members and their clients and to improve the administration of justice. Members help shape the legislative agenda.

Throughout the year, section members note legislation that needs correction, language that negatively affects clients, uniform laws that need introduction, and the need to unite Connecticut statutes with recent federal legislation. Sections both propose new legislation before the session commences and react through opposing or supporting legislation during the session as they become aware of drafted bills. Additionally, sections provide testimony on bills and communicate with their legislators.

For more information or to get involved, contact Bill Chapman at [bchapman@ctbar.org](mailto:bchapman@ctbar.org) or (860)612-2004, and follow him on Twitter @CTBarLeg.

### **Office/Meeting Space**

The CBA offers members free and discounted conference room and work space at our Law Center in New Britain. We can serve as temporary or a remote office or a convenient location for meetings with colleagues or clients. We have available:

- 3 small conference rooms (6-10 people)
- 2 large conference rooms (30 people each)
- 1 seminar room (50-100 people)
- Individual workspaces
- Member lounge and library

Our space is free to members for their occasional use (up to 5 hours per month) on a first to reserve basis. Additional time may be secured if available for a nominal fee. Reservations are necessary for conference space and can be made by phone at (860)223-4400.

For more information, go to [ctbar.org/OfficeSpace](http://ctbar.org/OfficeSpace).

### **Resolution of Legal Fee Disputes Program**

The Resolution of Legal Fee Disputes Program allows lawyers and clients with a dispute over the fees incurred for legal services to find a solution to their problem through mediation and/or arbitration, rather than litigation. The dispute resolution process is free, informal, and impartial. Either side may initiate the resolution process. In the case of mediation, a volunteer attorney experienced in mediation techniques will help bring lawyer and client to a mutually satisfactory settlement. In the case of arbitration, a hearing panel comprised of three volunteers (two attorneys and one layperson) will decide a case based on written and oral presentations from both sides.

For more information on the Resolution of Legal Fee Disputes Program, e-mail [feedisputes@ctbar.org](mailto:feedisputes@ctbar.org) or visit [ctbar.org/feedisputes](http://ctbar.org/feedisputes).

### **Sections and Committees**

Substantive law sections and special interest committees are groups that offer networking, knowledge, and collaboration to improve the practice of law. There are more than 40 substantive law and special interest group sections and more than 20 committees focus on legal, practice-related, and professional issues.

### **SideBar (Enhanced Listserv)**

SideBar gives members the ability to connect with colleagues as never before. Our communication tool offers:

- Listserv functionality via e-mail or online
- Easy group communications that are easier than ever
- Preferences that put members in control of their inbox
- Fully searchable conversations that create a dynamic library of expertise available exclusively to our member community

Log in at [ctbar.org/groups](http://ctbar.org/groups) to access SideBar and join the discussion.

### **Video ChannelCBA**

ChannelCBA is a library of video content on a variety of topics. CBA's original series Bar Chat, Capitol Update, Case Flash, and Practice Tips cover law practice management tips, recent developments in law, legislation, and tips to help you be more successful and grow your practice. Access ChannelCBA at [ctbar.org/ChannelCBA](http://ctbar.org/ChannelCBA).

#### **BarChat**

BarChat is a series of short videos in which top practitioners and business professionals discuss law practice management strategies, career advice, and current events pertinent to members. Topics include legal technology, marketing, hiring practices, marriage equality, taming e-mail, medical marijuana, and LinkedIn.

If members are interested in appearing on BarChat, contact the Communications Department at [communications@ctbar.org](mailto:communications@ctbar.org) with ideas. To view the latest videos, go to [ctbar.org/barchat](http://ctbar.org/barchat).

#### **Capitol Update**

Stay informed as the CBA's legislative lobbyist guides us through the current legislative session with latest news, interviews, CBA position updates, and more! To view the latest video, go to [ctbar.org/CapitolUpdateVideos](http://ctbar.org/CapitolUpdateVideos).

#### **Case Flash**

The Case Flash series, presented by the CBA Family Law Section, features short, timely videos on recent issues in family law. In the future, we hope to support other sections to produce this type of content. To view the latest installment of Case Flash, go to [ctbar.org/CaseFlash](http://ctbar.org/CaseFlash).

#### **Practice Tips**

These videos feature members providing concise information and guidance to help lawyers be more successful and grow their practice. To view the latest tips, go to [ctbar.org/PracticeTips](http://ctbar.org/PracticeTips)

Interested in participating? Contact the Communications Department at [communications@ctbar.org](mailto:communications@ctbar.org).

### **Discount Providers**

The CBA has established relationships with businesses to offer discounts for our members on a variety of goods and services.

### **Brooks Brothers**

Enroll for the Brooks Brothers Corporate Membership Card to become a corporate member and receive an everyday **15% savings** on regular price merchandise at Brooks Brothers U.S. and Canadian stores, by phone, and online at [BrooksBrothers.com](http://BrooksBrothers.com).

### **Hotel Engine**

Hotel Engine is a private hotel booking platform that connects CBA members to exclusive rates at more than 150,000 hotels across the globe. Members can **save an average for 26% off** hotels.

### **New York Yankees Tickets**

CBA members receive discounts of **10, 25, or 50% off** based on the game.

### **Orlando Employee Discounts**

**Save up to 35%** on your Orlando vacation. Orlando Employee Discounts offers exclusive pricing on hotels and vacation homes in or nearby Disney World and Universal Studios Orlando. Orlando Employee Discounts is also the largest wholesaler of tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios Orlando, Sea World, and all Orlando area theme parks and attractions.

### **TPC River Highlands**

Members who select the golf option\* are invited to play at TPC River Highlands, a world-class championship 18-hole course in Cromwell, as well as other affiliated courses around the country, at any time as unaccompanied guests of the Connecticut Bar Association.

Benefits of the program include access to the TPC River Highlands golf course and meeting room facilities on the days in which unaccompanied guest fees have been paid.\*\* This is a unique client entertainment and networking program for you, your family, and your guests. The annual fee is \$175, and the member is responsible for paying all greens and cart fees as well as food, beverage, and room charges.

Connecticut Bar Association members who are interested in experiencing full membership privileges and full, unlimited access to TPC River Highlands have the option of purchasing an individual membership at a discounted rate. Full membership will require an initiation fee and monthly dues discounted 25%.\*\*\*

Tee times are booked through the CBA Member Service Center up to 30 days in advance at (844)469-2221 or [msc@ctbar.org](mailto:msc@ctbar.org).

\*The golf option is \$175 and can be added by calling the CBA Member Service Center.

\*\*CBA members cannot use any TPC facilities unless they have booked a tee time or event and paid all fees for a specific day.

\*\*\*CBA members interested in becoming a full member of TPC River Highlands should call (860)398-6795 for more details.

## **Financial Resources**

The CBA offers members a variety of services and special pricing to assist them with their personal and law firm finances and payment processing.

### **Bank of America Merchant Services**

Bank of America Merchant Services offers customized debit and credit card processing rates and reduced terminal pricing that leverage the total buying power of CBA members.

### **Citizens Bank**

Citizens Bank offers a broad range of retail and commercial banking products and services to individuals, small businesses, middle-market companies, large corporations and institutions.

### **LawPay (Credit Card Processing)**

**Save up to 25% off** credit card processing fees with LawPay. Accept all major credit cards from your clients. LawPay has the ability to separate earned and unearned fees in compliance with most state and ABA guidelines and processing fees are deducted only from your operating account. Plus, 100% protection of your Trust or IOLTA account. (No debits are allowed from your IOLTA at any time...for any reason).

### **Merrill Lynch Financial Advisors**

Merrill Lynch provides members with fiduciary advice for personal retirement accounts, 401(k) and corporate plans. Members receive free independent financial analysis for retirement, trust and estate, and 401(k) planning.

## **Insurance and Retirement Programs**

CBA members can access to insurance and retirement programs through established partnerships with preferred providers.

### **ABA Retirement Funds Program**

The ABA Retirement Funds Program offers a different kind of retirement plan; built by lawyers, powered by pros. We innovate with a purpose, helping plan participants save more and worry less. Our unique culture is dedicated to helping secure financial futures for the legal community.

### **Kronholm Insurance Services**

Kronholm is a CBA-endorsed provider of professional liability, auto/homeowner/umbrella insurance, probate bonds, committee liability, office package and workers' compensation, disability income plan, and employment practices liability products. Kronholm Insurance Services is a division of Brown & Brown of Connecticut.

### **Tzedakah House**

Tzedakah House is a CBA-preferred provider of insurance broker services. CBA members, their family, and their employees have access to off-exchange medical insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, long-term care insurance, Medicare Supplement and Advantage plans, and group benefits.

## **Law Practice Management Resources**

CBA members are eligible to receive special opportunities and discounts from numerous providers, allowing you access to the resources needed to achieve your goals as a practitioner.

### **ABC Language Services**

ABC Language Services is a language services provider of legal interpretation and translation support service and has served judicial branch for almost 20 years. CBA members **receive a 20% discount** off regular legal interpreter rates.

### **InterCall**

Receive a **60% discount off** of InterCall's standard pricing for toll-free audio conferencing. InterCall also offers web conferencing from Cisco WebEx™ and Adobe® Connect™ and business cloud services through Microsoft® Office 365. Save your firm time and money and enroll today!

### **Interpreters and Translators**

Looking for language services to support your firm? iTi has worked with clients in the legal industry since our inception in 1986. We're proud to have been voted the best language service company ten years in a row by the Connecticut Law Tribune. CBA members **save 10%** off their first service with iTi.

### **Janco Business Systems**

JANCO Business Systems, Inc is a provider of copiers, printers and managed print Services. JANCO is a Xerox Authorized Document Technology Partner and Authorized Service Center. Members can **save up to 50% and receive free services**.

### **Paychex (Payroll Processing and Human Resources Support)**

**Save 15%** on timely and accurate payroll processing with Paychex. Services include direct deposit, automatic payment of payroll taxes, electronic filing of quarterly and annual returns, and Section 125 (Flexible Spending Account) administration.

### **Ruby Receptionists**

Ruby® Receptionists is a remote receptionist service that handles all your calls with care—using your custom greeting, transferring calls, taking messages and answering questions about your business—so you can focus on other things and enjoy the peace of mind that your clients will be treated warmly and professionally. Best of all, callers think we work in your office. CBA members receive **5% off their monthly plan**.

### **The Idea Company**

The Idea Company is a supplier of all types of imprinted promotional products, decorated wearables, client gifts, awards, presentation materials, and other useful items for a legal practice. CBA members can save up to **15%**.

### **Zola Creative Media**

The ultimate attorney website system to get your firm recognized, retained, and referred. Zola Creative Media offers firms a completely custom website solution that includes captivating

designs, unlimited revisions, an extensive content library, and integrated site tools. CBA members **save \$400.**

### **Law Practice Management Software**

Members can purchase a variety of law practice management software, at a discounted rate, to help them succeed as a solo or small firm practitioner.

#### **Clio**

Receive a **10% discount** on the Web-based legal practice management program from Clio that is optimized to meet the needs of solos and small firms. Web-based, secure, and easy-to-use, Clio overcomes many of the technical hurdles offered by conventional practice management solutions. With Clio, lawyers can spend their time building their practice and let Clio handle the rest.

#### **CosmoLex**

CosmoLex is software that combines practice management, billing, AND accounting (No QuickBooks™ required), all in one login. Cloud access lets you get work done in the office or on the road. Small law firms across the country use CosmoLex to make their practice more compliant, efficient, and profitable. CBA members receive a **free 30 day trial and a 10% lifetime discount.**

#### **MyCase**

MyCase is an affordable, intuitive and powerful legal case management software designed for the modern law firm. Give your law firm the advantage of a complete case management software. MyCase also includes a first of its kind integrated client portal so everyone stays informed and connected. Connecticut Bar Association members get a 10% lifetime discount. Start your 30 day free trial today!

#### **PracticePanther**

See why tens of thousands of law firms in over 170 countries use PracticePanther to automate their firms and get more done in less time. Never miss deadlines, get paid faster with one-click billing, and track billable time and expenses. Work from anywhere, on any device, with the mobile apps. It's easy, user-friendly, and intuitive. Now you can spend less time managing your firm, and more time making money. CBA receive a **10% off for life discount on the full monthly subscription fee** for use of PracticePanther. Join the highest rated legal software on the market!

#### **Zola Suite Cloud-Based Practice Management Software**

Members receive a **15% subscription discount** on this comprehensive, cloud-based legal practice management application.

## **Research and Education Resources**

The following providers offer research and education resources for CBA members to assist them in their work and professional development.

### **ABA Books for Bars**

Through the American Bar Association's (ABA) Book Publishing Division, members **save 15%** on ABA publications.

### **Casemaker® (Free Online Legal Research)**

Casemaker® is a comprehensive online research library **FREE** for all members. The research library is available right on the homepage of [www.ctbar.org](http://www.ctbar.org) 24/7. In addition to Connecticut state and federal materials, members have access to the state materials of all other 49 states: CBA members now also have free access to Casemaker's premium products which include CaseCheck+ the citator, CiteCheck the brief analyzer, and CasemakerDigest the case summary product.

### **New Horizons, Inc.**

Receive **special member pricing** on New Horizons training courses ranging from beginning to advanced Microsoft Office products to Network Engineering and software development.

### **Post University**

With the Post University Partners in Education program, members, their spouses, and their children receive a **10% tuition grant** towards earning a degree.