



ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Return to: 429 West Sixth Street, Erie, PA 16507 | 814-459-3111 | www.eriebar.com

Please check one of the following membership categories for which you are eligible:

- ACTIVE** – admitted to the practice of law with your primary place of employment or primary residence in Erie County, PA
- ASSOCIATE** – a) admitted to the practice of law but non-practicing, retired or a former Active member of the ECBA; or,
b) a practicing attorney whose primary practice and primary residence is not in Erie County, PA
- LAW STUDENT** – currently enrolled in an ABA accredited law school or has not yet completed or received the results of the PA Bar Exam within one year of graduation from law school. (NOTE: much of the information requested in this application will not be applicable to student members; complete what is applicable.)

Name _____

PA Supreme Court ID # _____

Primary Place of Employment

Firm/Office/Company Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Phone # _____ Ext. or Direct Dial # _____ Fax # _____

Email Address _____

Website _____

Education/Court Admission/Practice

Law School _____ Month/Year Graduated _____

Courts to which you are admitted _____ Date of Admission _____

Are you a member in good standing with each of the above courts? Yes No

If no, indicate your current status with each court and give full details on an attached sheet.

Are you currently practicing law in Erie, PA? Yes No

If no, do you intend to and when? _____

Provide a brief description of the current make-up of your practice:

Do you practice in any other county other than Erie, PA? If so, please list each county and percentage of your practice there:

Are you employed FULL TIME by a state, federal or local government entity or agency? Yes No

JOIN AN ECBA PRACTICE SECTION

Content and goals of each Section are driven by the needs of that particular Section. They are designed to facilitate meaningful meetings among those with common practice-area interests, to share information of interest and to enhance your practice through built-in opportunities to network with your peers.

Membership in Practice Sections is FREE and will allow you to be part of the listserv, join meetings and to receive notification of all events and seminars specific to each section.

- Bankruptcy
 Civil Litigation
 Criminal Practice
 Estates and Trusts
 Family Law
 Municipal Law
 Real Estate
 Workers' Compensation

JOIN AN ECBA COMMITTEE

ECBA Committees are comprised of members who agree to complete a specific task. Members may request working on as many committees as they would like, as long as they agree to be an active participant

Attorneys & Kids Together (AKT)
The ECBA's signature community project that supports the educational needs of students living in homeless situations. Committee members implement the good work of the 6 programs within AKT: Kid Konnection (a well-organized mentoring program), backpacks, school uniforms, winter coats and the senior project.

Budget & Finance
Committee is comprised of members with significant financial background and knowledge (ex. attorneys who are also CPAs or have advanced degrees in tax and/or finance). Committee meets 2-3 times/year total to: review the ECBA's financial statements with the accountant, to make recommendations to the Board regarding investments and to finalize a draft of the upcoming year's budget for presentation to the Board and membership.

PBA/CLE

Are you a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association? Yes No
 (Mandatory for "Active" members per ECBA Bylaws)

If no, do you agree to be added to PBA's membership and invoiced for PBA dues by the ECBA? Yes No

PA CLE Compliance Group (if assigned) 1 2 3

Personal Information - the following information is for ECBA use only

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Residence Street Address _____

Residence City/State/Zip _____

Residence Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Personal Email _____

Communication Preferences

Members receive much of their information via Email. When/if a hard copy is also available, do you want to receive it? Yes No

My preferred mailing address for ECBA materials is (select one) - Business Home
 My preferred Email address for ECBA communications is (select one) - Business Home

I hereby apply for membership in the Erie County Bar Association of Erie, Pennsylvania and certify that the foregoing information is complete and correct and that I am in good standing with each court to which I am admitted.

 Signature of Applicant _____
 Date

The Secretary of the Erie County Bar Association has made an investigation of the foregoing application and the application submitted is: Approved Disapproved

 Secretary, Erie County Bar Association _____
 Date

COMMITTEES CONTINUED

Fee Dispute
 As a community service, committee members attempt to resolve disagreements over fees, without charge and without involvement of the Court. The process includes Mediation first, followed by arbitration if necessary. Arbitrators are those on the Fee Dispute Committee, assigned to panels by the Committee Chair

Golf Tournament
 Organizes this annual summertime tournament - a social event and fundraiser for the Erie County Law Foundation

Judicial
 Oversees the process for evaluating judicial candidates in both judicial elections and retentions

Law Day
 Organizes this annual public luncheon, including reviewing/making recommendations for speakers; reviewing/making recommendations to the ECBA Board regarding nominations for Chancellor of the Bar and Liberty Bell recipients

Law Day Run
 Develops and organizes this annual event in cooperation with the Erie Runner's Club; work at the event itself; assist in fundraising that benefits the AKT Project.

Mock Trials
 Facilitates and oversees local high school teams participating in the PBA Statewide Mock Trial Competition. Through the staging of simulated jury trials, students gain a better understanding of the legal profession and judicial system. Teams compete locally with winners advancing to regional, state and national competitions. Members of this committee serve as bailiffs and timekeepers on the days of the trials.

Personnel
 Committee is comprised of labor & employment attorneys, ECBA Past Presidents and Board Members. The committee meets yearly to recommend ECBA staff salaries/benefits to the Budget Committee

Unauthorized Practice of Law
 Investigates allegations of the unauthorized practice of law by individuals not admitted to the practice and follows up as appropriate in each situation.



Serving the people of Erie for over 140 years