

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- ACTIVE** – admitted to the practice of law, has a current (active or inactive) Pennsylvania law license, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association
- ASSOCIATE** – A non-practicing member of the legal profession who no longer has a current (active or inactive) Pennsylvania law license, a retired Judge of a state or federal Court within Pennsylvania, or a retired or former active member of the Erie County Bar Association
- 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. (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 at no cost and will allow you to be part of the Section listserv, join meetings and to receive notification of all events and seminars specific to each Section.

- Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Bankruptcy
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Practice
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Estates and Trusts
- Family Law
- Municipal Law
- Real Estate
- Workers' Compensation

JOIN AN ECBA DIVISION

- In-house Counsel
- Solo/Small Firms
- Senior Lawyers
- Women's
- Young Lawyers

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.

- AKT 5K Run/Walk
Develop and help to organize this annual event in cooperation with the Erie Runners Club; work at the event itself; and assist with the fundraising that benefits the AKT Program.

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 Yes No

invoiced for PBA dues through the ECBA?

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, would 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

Attorneys & Kids Together (AKT)
The ECBA's signature community service project that supports the educational needs of students living in homeless situations. Committee members implement the good work of various programs within AKT for eligible students including KidKonnection (a well-organized group mentoring program), the Junior/Senior Project (providing yearbooks, prom tickets, senior trip and banquet tickets, etc.) and distribution of book bags, school uniforms, and winter coats.

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.

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, to panels by the Committee Chair.

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

Law Day
Help to organize 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; and assists with other event details as needed.

Mock Trials
Facilitates and helps to oversee 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.

