

# The Cook County Bar Association

The Oldest African American Bar Association in America



## Continuing The Legacy!

[www.cookcountybar.org](http://www.cookcountybar.org)

### The Cook County Bar Association Membership Enrollment/Annual Dues Statement

Complete the Membership/Dues Form and return with your membership fee to: Cook County Bar Association, 39 S. LaSalle, Suite 1117, Chicago, IL 60603.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Earliest Year Admitted to Bar: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a new CCBA Member:  Yes  No

Primary Practice Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Admission	Annual Dues	CCBA Programs	Annual Fee
New Admission in IL up to 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	Lawyer Referral Program	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150.00
Immediately following Admission Date		1-3 Categories	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200.00
		4+ Categories	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1200.00
		In Court Bar Program	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25.00
		Probate Practice Section	

Less than 3 years	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75.00	Voluntary Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 10.00
3 years or more	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	Young Lawyers Division	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 10.00	CCBA Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00
			<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00
			Other _____

Payment Enclosed / Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Cook County Bar Association:*  
**A History of Commitment to Our  
Members and Our Community**

The Cook County Bar Association (CCBA) was born in 1869 through the collective commitment of 32 Black lawyers, including Ida Platt, the first Black woman admitted to practice in the State of Illinois. Initially, the founders met informally to plan protests against discrimination in hotels, theaters and restaurants and to address judicial elections and school desegregation. This informal arrangement lasted until 1914, when the group decided to formally organize the CCBA. Edward H. Wright was elected as the first CCBA president. On March 5, 1920, the CCBA was officially incorporated by the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit organization.

Since its inception, the CCBA has delivered services to the African American community through organized activities and individual contributions from its members. The CCBA has provided pro bono legal services to the indigent and disenfranchised through various workshops and presentations in the community. The CCBA also sponsors an annual job fair that has placed hundreds of law students in legal careers throughout its 25 year history, reaches out to hundreds of high school students through our annual Law Day event and provides attorneys with enriching mentorship opportunities. Recently the CCBA formed a charitable arm called the Cook County Bar Foundation, which will further expand our ability to positively impact our community.

The CCBA also holds various seminars and workshops throughout the year for which CLE credit may be earned. *The CCBA is a certified CLE provider.*

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**Committees and Programs**

The Cook County Bar Association is dedicated to advancing the education, business and social needs of its members. To that end, the CCBA offers a variety of committees and programs, one (or more) of which is guaranteed to meet your needs!

**ARDC LIAISON COMMITTEE** - Hosts a lecture series on ethics and professionalism. The ARDC also refers attorneys who have disciplinary issues to this Committee so that members can assist attorneys in improving their law office management skills.

**CABLE SHOW COMMITTEE** - Produces a weekly audience call in show discussing a variety of legal topics.

**CIVIL RIGHTS LAW COMMITTEE** - This Committee proposes and comments on local, state and federal legislation affecting civil rights.

**COMMERCIAL LAW COMMITTEE** - This Committee offers seminars on issues affecting commercial law and serves as a vehicle for communication and input on topics of interest and concern to business and commercial law practitioners.

**COOK COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION** - The Foundation is the charitable arm of the CCBA. It coordinates various programs including the Adopt-A-School Program, Expungement Project, Community Law Clinic, Minority Law Student Reception and the Community Expo.

**CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE** - This Committee examines the criminal justice system from all standpoints, including issues of crime prevention and the judiciary.

**FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE** - Members meet and discuss current and emerging trends in the realm of Family Law.

**IN-COURT BAR REFERRAL PROGRAM** - Provides members with an opportunity to represent individuals in various criminal courts in Cook County. Requires an additional fee for participation.

**LAWYER REFERRAL PROGRAM** - Provides members with an opportunity to obtain referrals through the CCBA's website and office. Requires an additional fee for participation.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** - Tracks and makes recommendations on pending and existing local, state and federal legislation.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** - Engages in ongoing membership outreach and development.

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE** - This Committee produces and edits the Bar's official quarterly publication, the CCBA News.

**PROBATE SECTION** - Concerns itself with all issues affecting estates, trusts, guardianships, conservatorships, powers of attorney, living wills and healthcare documents, and probate litigation as well as gift, inheritance, estate, and income taxes. The section promotes public policy and best professional practices.

**YOUNG LAWYER'S SECTION** - Meets monthly to provide professional networking and social resources for those attorneys in practice less than 10 years or under the age of 40.

*For more information on these and other programs, please contact us at The Cook County Bar Association, 39 S. LaSalle, Suite 1117, Chicago, IL 60603, 312-630-1157. The CCBA also offers online membership and program registration at our website [www.cookcountybar.org](http://www.cookcountybar.org).*