

ACHIEVEMENTS

BY THE
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In the last year KCBA has:

- *Assisted 10,407 clients using the services of 1,550 volunteers who donated 34,503 hours for a value of \$7.29 million through our Community Legal Services programs*
- *Granted over \$125,000 to regional law schools for diversity scholarships*
- *Referred 6,000 new clients to Lawyer Referral Service panel attorneys*
- *Presented 282 hours of continuing legal education programs to KCBA members and the legal community*
- *Hosted 275 meetings within our members' areas of practice and interest*
- *Screened 28 candidates seeking appointments or election to judicial office in order to promote a high quality bench and provide information to the voting public*

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Discounts on KCBA CLEs
- Convenient webinars and CLE programs via streaming video
- Lawyer Referral Service membership at a reduced rate
- Volunteer opportunities through KCBA's Community Legal Services Programs and diversity initiatives
- Professional networking programs and events
- Subscription to our monthly Bar Bulletin publication
- Sections and Committees specific to your area of practice or interest
- Discounts on products and services, including health insurance, business services, entertainment and travel

HOW TO JOIN KCBA

Join online at www.kcba.org/join
Fax a Membership Application to 206.267.7099
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ABOUT KCBA

The King County Bar Association (KCBA) was founded in 1886, incorporated in 1906 and is the largest voluntary bar association in Washington, serving the needs of over 5,400 members.

Today the mission of the King County Bar Association is to provide support to its diverse membership; promote a just, collegial and accessible legal system and profession; work with the judiciary to achieve excellence in the administration of justice; strive to benefit the community through its own efforts and those of its Foundation; and offer opportunities for public service and input into matters of public policy.

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COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES

The King County Bar Association has made pro bono work one of its priorities since 1939. Community Legal Services, the Pro Bono arm of KCBA, provides civil legal aid to over 10,000 of King County's most vulnerable residents. Attorneys volunteer through Community Legal Services to provide advice at over 30 Neighborhood Legal Clinics. Clients in need of representation are assisted by pro bono attorneys in a number of ways. Volunteers at our Housing Justice Project represent clients facing eviction and also provide advice on landlord-tenant issues at our HJP clinics. Family law clients are represented by volunteer attorneys in matters involving domestic violence and other safety concerns for children. Our family law volunteers assist relatives in obtaining third-party custody of vulnerable children. They also help clients obtain dissolutions where protective parenting plans are required as well as assist domestic violence victims in obtaining needed protection orders. Volunteer Legal Services volunteers represent clients in a number of civil legal areas that help low-income persons preserve or obtain basic human needs and secure important rights. We invite all KCBA members to assist in fulfilling our mission.

WE PROVIDE A WIDE ARRAY OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LEGAL COMMUNITY.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION & KCBA SECTION MEMBERSHIP – A PERFECT PAIRING

KCBA offers superb educational opportunities with over 40 CLE programs each year from Estate Planning to Intellectual Property to Employment Law that encompass topics for new and more experienced lawyers. Emphasizing adult education and information retention principles, we strive to offer short presentations, half-day programs, full-day seminars, and complex multi-day conferences. Members can participate in live, interactive CLE programs through the internet without leaving their offices.

Members who want to meet colleagues within their area of law can benefit from joining one of the 16 practice sections offered by KCBA. If in-person attendance at a meeting isn't possible due to time or distance to travel, members may attend via videostream and still have the ability to email questions directly to the presenters. As an added benefit to our members, most section meetings entitle attendees to CLE credit.

PUBLIC POLICY

Working to improve the administration of justice is an important part of the King County Bar Association's mission. KCBA prides itself on our reputation as a partner with the courts to ensure a fair and just court system and an influential voice in King County to help support access to justice in the community. KCBA's long history of influencing public policy began in 1886 when it was founded in part to censure vigilante attorneys who had participated in the anti-Chinese riots. Over time, KCBA has held numerous debates for elected county officials, created the award winning votingforjudges.org website and passed resolutions in support of a new drug policy framework which has been heralded by the legal community. KCBA also provides information to the public on judicial performance and suitability through regular attorney surveys and has a special screening committee that rates judges in contested elections.

DIVERSITY

KCBA promotes and encourages a racially and ethnically diverse legal profession through the work of its Ethnic Diversity in the Legal Profession committee (EDILP), which provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information relevant to attorneys of color. KCBA also partners with the King County Bar Foundation in their initiatives to increase diversity in the legal profession. The Foundation's Minority Law Student Scholarships leverage an education for diverse students at Seattle University and University of Washington schools of law and the Future of the Law Institute introduces minority and economically disadvantaged high school students to the law.

LAWYER REFERRAL – A DUAL SERVICE

The Lawyer Referral Service provides legal referrals to qualified attorneys in cases where clients can afford to hire legal counsel. An experienced staff screens potential clients to ensure the attorney and client receive personalized customer service. LRS collaborates with other legal service organizations to provide a comprehensive system of information and services. KCBA members are invited to join LRS to help expand their practice and take advantage of the program's marketing efforts to seek out viable clients for LRS attorneys. LRS is also the perfect solution for members who need to refer a client to another attorney who practices in another area of law or outside of their level of expertise. LRS and its panel members provide an effective bridge between the public and the legal community. Proceeds from LRS revenue benefit KCBA's Community Legal Services programs for those in need of legal services throughout King County.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE SAYING...

The link that KCBA provides between the community and legal advocates is invaluable. No other legal organization has this type of connection: linking those in need with those that can help.

- NORMA URENA, URENA LAW OFFICES

Being a part of an organization, such as the KCBA, gives us not only the opportunity to meet with our peers but the opportunity to learn and grow with each other.

- PALAVI WAHI, K & L GATES

