

Membership Policies and Categories

(Based on the Bylaws of the Maricopa County Bar Association)

Membership in the Maricopa County Bar Association is available to any eligible individual provided such individual is:

1. not disbarred from the practice of law in any jurisdiction,
2. not suspended from the practice of law in any jurisdiction, and
3. in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such person is licensed to practice.

However, MCBA reserves the right to refuse membership in the MCBA to any individual regardless of eligibility and this right of refusal applies at each time of application for, or renewal of, membership.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

I. Arizona Members. Members of this category are entitled to all rights and privileges associated with MCBA membership including but not limited to eligibility to (a) vote for a seat on the MCBA Board of Directors, (b) hold a seat on the MCBA Executive Committee, and (c) serve as an officer of the MCBA. The category of Arizona Member shall be comprised of the following sub-categories. Different dues may apply for each Arizona Member depending on which sub-category to which such Arizona Member belongs

► Attorney Member

Any eligible person licensed to practice law with the State Bar of Arizona. For purposes of determining annual MCBA dues payable under this sub-category, Attorney Members shall be further differentiated as follows:

- Private Practice less than 3 years
- Private Practice more than 3 years
- Public Lawyer less than 3 years
- Public lawyer more than 3 years

► Judge/Commissioner Member

Any eligible person who is (a) licensed to practice law with the State Bar of Arizona and (b) employed in the capacity of a judicial officer with a federal, state, county, municipal or regional jurisdiction.

► Law Professor Member

Any eligible person who is (a) licensed to practice law in any U.S. or foreign jurisdiction and is (b) employed full time in teaching substantive law at any ABA-approved law school, which law school is located within the state of Arizona.

► Honorary Member

Any eligible person who is (a) licensed to practice law with the State Bar of Arizona, (b) at least 70 years of age, and (c) a member of the MCBA for at least 10 continuous years.

I. Non-Arizona Member. Except as set forth herein, members of this category are entitled to all rights and privileges associated with MCBA membership. A Non-Arizona Member, in his or her capacity as such, shall not be eligible to vote for or hold a seat on the MCBA Board of Directors or Executive Committee, or serve as an officer of the MCBA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Non-Arizona Member, serving in his or her capacity as a “chair” of a division of the MCBA may, in such capacity, hold a seat on the MCBA Board of Directors as set forth in Section III.A. of the Association Bylaws. The category of Non-Arizona Member shall be comprised of the following subcategories. Different dues may apply for each subcategory.

▶ **Associate Member**

Any eligible person licensed to practice law in any U.S. or foreign jurisdiction, except the State Bar of Arizona.

II. Affiliate Member. Except as otherwise specified in this paragraph, members of this category are entitled to all rights and privileges associated with MCBA membership. An Affiliate Member, in his or her capacity as such, shall not be eligible to vote for or hold a seat on the MCBA Board of Directors or Executive Committee, or serve as an officer of the MCBA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Affiliate Member, serving in his or her capacity as a “chair” of a Division of the MCBA may, in such capacity, hold a seat on the MCBA Board of Directors as set forth in Association Bylaw Section III.A. The category of Affiliate Member shall be comprised of the following sub-categories. Different dues may apply for each Affiliate Member category.

▶ **Paralegal/Legal Assistant Member**

Any eligible person who is (a) not licensed to practice law in any U.S. jurisdiction and (b) qualified through education, training or work experience to work for a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency, court or other entity or association in a capacity that involves the performance of specifically-delegated substantive legal work, in each instance under the direction or on behalf of an attorney (except where unsupervised work is specifically allowed by statute, rule or regulation), which work, for the most part, requires sufficient knowledge of legal concepts such that absent that legal assistant, attorneys would perform such work on their own behalf. Members of this subcategory may, only within a MCBA Division specifically formed for such subcategory, vote and hold a position of officer for such Division.

▶ **Paralegal Student Member**

Any eligible person enrolled in an ABA-approved paralegal or legal assistant program. Affiliate Members of this category are *not* entitled to any rights and privileges associated with MCBA membership; but only are entitled to rights and privileges granted by the MCBA Division specifically formed for Paralegal/Legal Assistant Members.

▶ **Affiliate Law Professor Member**

Any eligible person who is (a) *not* licensed to practice law in any U.S. or foreign jurisdiction and is (b) employed by or otherwise hired to teach substantive law at any ABA-approved law school within the state of Arizona.

▶ **Affiliate Honorary Member**

Any eligible person who is (a) *not* licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction, (b) at least 70 years of age, and (c) a member of the MCBA for at least 10 consecutive years.

► Law Student Member

Any eligible person who is enrolled in an ABA-approved law school to attain the degree of Juris Doctor or similar or higher legal degree. Different dues may apply for each Law Student Member depending on whether such Law Student Member attends a law school within or without the State of Arizona. Members of this subcategory may not vote or hold office in any MCBA section or division, but may become a member of such section or division unless prohibited by the bylaws of such section or division.

► Court Personnel/Office Administrator Member

Any eligible person who is (a) *not* licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction, and is (b) responsible for implementing office or related administrative functions in a law firm, legal services office, or court. Members of this subcategory may not vote or hold office in any MCBA section or division, but may otherwise be a member of such division or section unless prohibited by the bylaws of such section or division.

► Legal-Related Member

Any eligible person who is (a) *not* licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction, and (b) either (i) assists, on a professional level, in the delivery of legal services by or of any entity or association (including non-profit), or (ii) teaches or assists in the delivery of courses of a substantive legal nature to students who are pursuing certificates or degrees in paralegal or legal assisting studies. Members of this subcategory may not vote or hold office in any MCBA section or division, but may otherwise be a member of such section or division unless prohibited by the bylaws of such section or division.

► Retired Member Any eligible person who was (a) formerly licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction and is (b) officially retired in all jurisdictions in which such eligible attorney has been licensed. Members of this subcategory may not vote or hold office in any MCBA section or division, but may otherwise be a member of such section or division unless prohibited by the bylaws of such section or division.