12 Ways to Maximize Your ISBA Membership
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Participate in ISBA's advocacy efforts

ISBA serves as the independent voice of its members and advocates on behalf of the profession. Institutions look to ISBA as the authority voice of Indiana's legal profession.

As the largest statewide attorney association, we are uniquely positioned to partner with and convene other bar associations and organizations across the state to elevate their important work.

Because of the expertise of our members, we are a go-to resource for the courts on issues ranging from parenting time guidelines, technology innovations, the provision of legal services, ethics rules, and many others. ISBA members have a seat at the table during these crucial conversations.

We also serve as the voice of the profession in the legislature through our extensive lobbying efforts. We keep abreast of potential legislation that will impact your practice or clients, and we're able to contact you early in the process, as bills are being heard, argued, or voted on.

GET STARTED: memberconcierge@inbar.org

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Be mentored and mentor others

With 10,000 members across the state, ISBA brings together a powerful network of passionate legal professionals. No matter your career level, professional experience, or practice area, there is an ISBA member eager to connect with you.

Be paired with a mentor or a professional seeking your guidance through one of ISBA's several mentorship experiences, including Mentor Match, the Young Lawyers Networking & Mentorship Initiative, and more.

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"The practice of law is really hard...but for the Indiana State Bar Association, I probably would have quit many times over. But getting to know and interact with other people who know what you're going through and can support you through that is, in my mind, the only way to practice. –Sara McClammer, Indianapolis"

"Bar associations exist to improve the lives of attorneys and the profession of law. ISBA embodies these values. ISBA has added value to my life through its programs, events, and CLE. It has introduced me to many colleagues who have given me practical advice on the practice of law, helped with issues on tough cases, and referred cases. ISBA has also improved the profession of law in Indiana by advocating for issues that affect lawyers, partnering with other organizations to serve the community at large, and providing opportunities for young lawyers. ISBA has been a leader on so many issues and is truly the voice of, and for, Indiana attorneys. –James Dillon, Gary"
Fastcase has provided a surprising and invaluable augment to my firm’s LexisNexis subscription. By providing a massive database of cases in every state and federal court, I am able to search and pull cases from states outside of my Lexis subscription free of charge. Fastcase has also provided additional secondary resources, particularly ethics opinions, that I have not found on Lexis.

—Colin E. Flora, Indianapolis

ISBA leverages its statewide connections to recruit engaging attorneys and subject matter experts to present CLE programs. ISBA's CLE department is dedicated to identifying current trends and unique perspectives to bring members high quality, practical learning.

**CLE included with membership:** As an ISBA member, you get unlimited, complimentary access to a library of on-demand CLE programs – at no additional cost, with new programs added regularly.

**GET STARTED:** www.inbar.org/cle

As a member of the ISBA, Fastcase and many of its premium tools are available for **free**.

Fastcase is the leading next-generation legal research service that puts a comprehensive national law library and powerful searching, sorting, and data visualization tools at your fingertips. It’s one of the largest online law libraries in the world.

**GET STARTED:** www.inbar.org/fastcase

Great and unique CLE presentation. I really appreciate the diversity among age, race, and experience of the panelists. —Alicia Nieves, Georgetown

This is probably the most professionally produced CLE seminar I've taken in my 20+ years of practicing law. Excellent presentation and recording A/V quality.

—Michael Smith, Fort Wayne

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Connect with your peers and pursue your passions through a section or committee

**ISBA sections:**
Getting exposure to lawyers in your practice area, across Indiana, can help develop your expertise and expand your referral network. Enhance your practice through one of ISBA's substantive law sections.

Some of our most active sections include:
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Law
- Family & Juvenile Law
- General Practice, Solo & Small Firm
- Litigation
- Probate, Trust & Real Property

While each section is different, section members benefit from things such as practice-specific CLE, newsletters, networking programs, and general fellowship. Each section is operated by a council of its members.

**Online discussion communities:** Many sections also have active listservs in which they can discuss relevant issues and pose/answer practice questions.

**ISBA committees:**
ISBA members have joined together to form committees, allowing them to leverage their legal skills to advance topics they feel passionate about. Committees include:
- Children's Rights
- Diversity
- Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
- Well-being
- Women in Law

Members enjoy getting to know colleagues with similar passions while working to advance important issues.

**GET STARTED:** www.inbar.org/committees

**We celebrate Latino heritage, Latino success, and advocate for issues important to the Latino community.**
- Angka Hinshaw, Latino Affairs Committee

**Our members serve veterans by volunteering in veteran’s courts, providing legal assistance at stand downs and at VA facilities, taking pro bono cases, educating citizens and lawyers by presenting CLE on military issues, and other community outreach.**
- Paul Schilling, Military & Veterans’ Affairs Committee

**We have a good balance of representation from various professional contexts, including the judiciary, government, civil, criminal, large, mid-size, and small firms.**
- Josh Tatum, Appellate Practice Section
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Manage your practice with ISBA’s LPM tools

ISBA offers a number of law practice management (LPM) tools to help keep the business part of your practice running smoothly.

Enjoy real savings through ISBA’s endorsed partners and service providers, many of whom offer discounts just for ISBA members. These companies have been interviewed and vetted by ISBA to ensure they are relevant and high-quality, with excellent customer service. In many cases, these companies are longtime trusted partners of the ISBA and have garnered a reputation of dependability and quality.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/member_discounts

Offer your employees the fully insured health care plan through UnitedHealthcare for law firms and legal service providers. With this Association Health Plan, you can join with other Indiana law firms to get benefits typically enjoyed by larger companies—including potentially lower premiums, reduced administrative costs, and more coverage options to help meet the needs of your employees. Contact your insurance broker for a quote. Both Ritman and Nefouse & Associates currently serve Indiana organizations using this health plan and can assist you in securing a quote.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/health-care

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Find and post job openings

The ISBA Career Center is dedicated to helping legal professionals find jobs and find employees.

Job seekers can search for job openings and subscribe to the ISBA Job Flash email newsletter for free. Employers can use the career center to get the word out about their openings through a variety of formats.

GET STARTED: Visit www.inbar.org/jobs

The Law Practice Management Hub is constantly updated with white papers, guides, ebooks, reports, case studies, industry analysis, and much more, provided by experts and vendors within the legal industry, all included with your ISBA membership.

GET STARTED: www.inbarlpm.org
The Leadership Development Academy is a statewide leadership program established to empower and develop lawyers to be informed, committed, and involved leaders of the legal community. LDA has helped train legal professionals for a decade, producing a network of alumni throughout some of the most prestigious institutions in Indiana and the U.S.

Each year, attorneys who are accepted into the program make up a class that engages with professional facilitators and prominent speakers with a variety of experiences and expertise. As they travel around the state, class members actively engage in panel discussions, group activities, and demonstrations with LDA’s faculty.

Past graduates have praised the focus on servant leadership principles and techniques as well as efficiency and effectiveness in both professional relations and community involvement. In learning about the challenges and rewards of leadership in action, LDA grads return to their communities inspired to make a difference in big and small ways. They are recognized as future leaders both locally and statewide.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/lda

“Being a graduate of the Leadership Development Academy has opened my door to connections throughout the state that I use to this day. Whether it is an issue in New Harmony, Jeffersonville, Richmond, Terre Haute, or Angola, through the LDA I know someone I can pick up the phone and call to get local assistance. But not only is our practice in the state one of wonderful geographic uniqueness, our greatest gift in the profession is the diversity of our bar association. Getting to know people from all backgrounds has opened my eyes to new ways of communication. –Jon Rogers, Mishawaka”

“The ISBA Leadership Development Academy programming is a true testament to the ISBA’s investment in its members. LDA is focused on developing and enriching Indiana attorneys professionally and personally and should be at the top of any attorney’s list of things to do. –Alex Pittman, Indianapolis”
Network your way

No matter your networking style, ISBA offers an opportunity for you to connect with others your way. Members are invited to facilitated, open concept, activity-based, cohort-structured, and other types of in-person and virtual networking programs.

These include ISBA events like the Solo & Small Firm Conference, Judicial Reception, and Annual Summit; cohorts like the Associate Empowerment Series and In-house Counsel Empowerment Series; and low-stakes opportunities like trivia nights, happy hours, and discussions held at the end of CLE programs.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/events

All members are included in ISBA’s Locate Your Lawyer member directory. Attorneys and the public use this directory to browse ISBA members’ profiles based on practice area, location, or other criteria. This tool can be an excellent source of qualified leads and referrals.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/locateyourlawyer

Stay current on emerging trends and legal news

ISBA prioritizes updating members on the latest issues, trends, and legislation unfolding across the state. Members receive several publications for free as part of their membership.

Member alerts notify members of breaking news and court orders. Our statewide connections give us an inside eye into upcoming issues of interest, ensuring members are the first to know.

Res Gestae is the official journal of the ISBA. Scholarly articles are peer reviewed, and recurring columns discuss ethics, alternative viewpoints, and recent criminal/civil cases. Res Gestae is published and mailed to members 10 times per year.

Addendum curates news from legal and governmental entities into one biweekly newsletter. During the legislative session it provides updates on active bills of interest. It also presents up-to-date information on CLE programming, member employment updates, local bar happenings, and much more.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/member-insights

I participated in the ISBA Litigation Section’s virtual trivia night networking event, and met a partner at a local firm who encouraged me to submit my resume for consideration. Now, I’ve got a great clerkship! -Stuart Settle, Indianapolis
ISBA members play active roles in working to enhance the diversity and inclusion of Indiana's legal community. Member- and expert-based research identified the following areas in which ISBA is uniquely positioned to address inequities in the legal system:

- Civil legal aid
- Diversity, inclusion, and mentorship in the legal profession
- Diversity, equity and inclusion in ISBA as an association

Opportunities to take action include joining the ISBA Diversity Committee, Latino Affairs Committee, or Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Committee, or participating in ISBA's nationally recognized Open Conversations programs, which bring candid dialogue about race and culture in the legal landscape.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/dei

Conduct meetings with clients and colleagues, or find quiet space to work alone at ISBA's Headquarters, free for all ISBA members to reserve. Located in downtown Indianapolis, ISBA's Headquarters offers two private offices, two conference rooms, and a large open meeting space. Reserve the space Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during business hours at www.inbar.org/headquarters.

GET STARTED: www.inbar.org/hq