

Minnesota State Bar Association

## STEP IN. STEP UP. STAND OUT.

Lead the Way... Get Involved with Minnesota State Bar Association. Use your voice. Share your vision. Help shape the future of the Minnesota legal profession.

# Why volunteer for MSBA leadership?

Through MSBA, you can support and shape the culture of the bar, serve the profession, and promote the role and work of attorneys in Minnesota. Step into MSBA leadership and showcase your expertise on a wider stage, beyond your firm or office walls. Influencers, thought-leaders, and decision-makers come together at the bar association to discuss and weigh in on issues of policy, practice, and professionalism. Join us today.

#### Be a leader in MSBA and the Minnesota legal community:

- Join in the discussions, decision-making, and implementation of new initiatives.
- Meet and work collectively with lawyers, judges, and stakeholders to fully participate in the profession of law.
- Help develop statewide policies that support the practicing bar and improve access to justice.
- Build your leadership skills, knowledge, and professional reputation.
- Make the practice of law more than just a job.

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED AS A BAR LEADER

Leadership starts with you. Become more involved with ...

### MSBA Sections

40 groups based on practice area/area of interest. Each section is governed by its own leadership council. Many sections have new lawyer and law student liaison positions.

- Administrative Law
- Agricultural and Rural Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Animal Law
- Antitrust Law
- Appellate Practice
- Bankruptcy
- Business Law
- Children and the Law
- Civil Litigation
- Communications Law
- Construction Law
- Consumer and Creditor Law
- Corporate Counsel
- Criminal Law
- Elder Law
- Employee Benefits
- Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy
- Family Law
- Food, Drug & Device Law

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- Greater Minnesota Practice
- Health Law
- Immigration Law
- International Business Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- Landlord/Tenant Law
- Military & Veterans Affairs
- New Lawyers
- Probate, Trusts and Estates
- Professionalism & Ethics
- Public Law
- Public Utilities
- Real Property Law
- Senior Lawyers & Judges
- Social Security Disability Law
- Solo Small Practice Experience
- Sports, Art & Entertainment Law
- Tax Law
- Tech Law
- Workers' Compensation Law

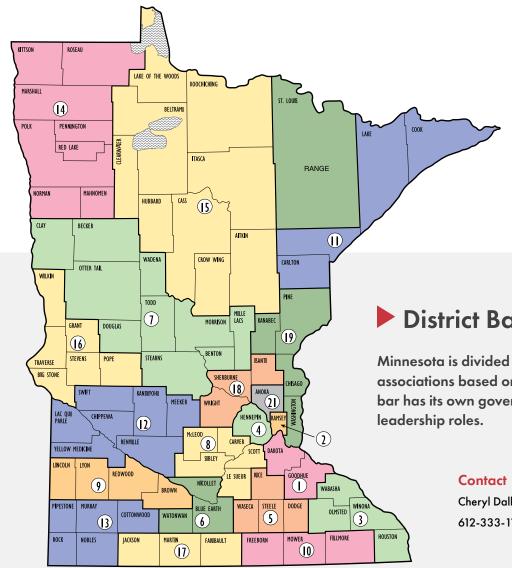
## MSBA Committees

These working groups develop, implement, and oversee many association policies, goals, and programs.

- Access to Justice
- Court Rules & Administration
- Diversity & Inclusion Council
- Elections & Appointments
- Fair Response
- General Policy
- Governance
- Judiciary
- Legislative
- Membership
- Mock Trial
- Publications
- Professional Regulation
- Well-Being

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## District Bar Associations

Minnesota is divided into 21 district bar associations based on location. Each district bar has its own governance structure and leadership roles.

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## Affinity Bar Associations

Each affinity bar has its own governance structure and leadership roles.

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- Federal Bar Association MN Chapter
- Hmong American Bar Association
- Infinity Project
- Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers
- MN American Indian Bar Association
- MN Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- MN Association of Black Lawyers
- MN Black Women Lawyers Network
- MN Hispanic Bar Association
- MN Lavender Bar Association
- MN Mother Attorney Association
- MN Women Lawyers
- Somali American Bar Association
- Twin Cities Diversity in Practice



## Board Seats & Appointments

Apply for seats on the MSBA Council and Assembly, Bar Foundation board, and numerous law-related boards and organizations in Minnesota. MSBA leadership appoints members for these seats.

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#### Seats Available for Nominations:

- Bar Admissions Advisory Council
- Client Security Board
- Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board
- Legal Services Advisory Committee
- Board of Continuing Legal Education
- Board of Legal Certification

#### Seats Available for Appointments:

- Anishinabe Legal Services
- Central Minnesota Legal Services
- Southern MN regional Legal Services
- Delegates to American Bar Association
- Supreme Court Advisory Rules Committees

## Communications & Programming

Outside of volunteering to serve in leadership roles, there are many other ways to get involved with MSBA, such as submitting an article for our monthly Bench & Bar magazine; developing, and presenting a CLE seminar; or serving as a coach or judge for our Mock Trial program.



Contact the MSBA help desk to learn about specific programs: helpdesk@mnbar.org