

# Member Value Proposition

# TOP 10

## Top 10 Reasons to become a Paralegal Member

- 1 Promote and expand the paralegal profession
- 2 Develop and further define paralegal job responsibilities
- 3 Advocate the effective utilization of paralegals to benefit the public and legal profession
- 4 Promote the continuing professional education of Paralegals
- 5 Members enjoy discounts at the CMBA (CLE, publications, events, free access to Fastcase legal research software, CMBA Conference Center reservations and more) as well as around Greater Cleveland through various relationships with local product- and service-providers)
- 6 Give back to Greater Cleveland through pro bono and volunteer opportunities funded through the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation: The 3Rs, Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program, High School Mock Trial Competitions, Reach Out: Legal Assistance for Nonprofits, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and more
- 7 Network with other paralegal professionals locally and nationally, through CAP's social networking opportunities (Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn), and through member-only CMBA online communities
- 8 Act as a forum for interchange of information, ideas, issues and concerns of paralegals
- 9 Stay abreast of current legal news through our websites and subscriptions to all NFPA, CAP and CMBA publications and emails
- 10 Participate in CMBA sections, CAP committees, pro-bono and community outreach programs, members-only events.

Cleveland Association of Paralegals, Inc.  
[www.capohio.org](http://www.capohio.org)

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association  
[www.clemetrobar.org/paralegals](http://www.clemetrobar.org/paralegals)

# Joint Paralegal Affiliate

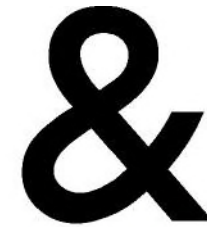


### National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA)

CAP is affiliated with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. The NFPA is composed of autonomous state and local paralegal associations located throughout the United States and Canada. Through efforts at the national, regional, and statewide levels, CAP joins with other paralegal associations to advance the professional standing of paralegals employed in both traditional and non-traditional roles. Through its involvement with other associations, CAP participates in the formation of policy on issues affecting the profession as a whole, and gains perspective from other associations nationwide. Each member of CAP is automatically a member of NFPA and is entitled to its benefits on membership including a subscription to NFPA's quarterly magazine, The National Paralegal Reporter.



NFPA



### Giving Back

As a CMBA member, we invite you to join in our commitment to give back to Greater Cleveland by engaging in the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF).

The CMBF is the charitable arm and partner of the CMBA and raises funds to support the important public outreach activities of the Association, including: The 3Rs; The 3Rs+; Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program; High School Mock Trial Competitions; Pro Se Divorce Clinics; Reach Out Pro Bono for Nonprofits; Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts; Law Day; Louis Stokes Scholars Program; Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy; and the CMBA's diversity and inclusion initiatives.

[clemetrobar.org/foundation](http://clemetrobar.org/foundation)

CMBA/CMBF



# 2024-2025



# Joint CAP-CMBA Affiliate Membership '24-'25



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Informal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  M  F  O Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnic Background (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Check if still a student \_\_\_\_\_ Employer/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Work Setting:  Solo  Small (2-4 atty)  Med (15-74 atty)  Lg (75+ atty)  Gov't  Corporate/In-House  Academic  Other

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Address for CAP/CMBA Communications  Work  Home Preferred E-mail for Communications  Work  Home

Username (member access to [clemetrobar.org](http://clemetrobar.org)) \_\_\_\_\_ Password (minimum six characters) \_\_\_\_\_

Paralegal Education or Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Anticipated Date of Degree (mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

CAP/CMBA members must be sponsored by an attorney member of the CMBA. Paralegal Students must be sponsored by the Program Director of their Paralegal School\*

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Firm/School \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Qualification on case-by-case basis)

## CAP Member Types\* (review and indicate selection at right)

**Voting Member** (\$120) - must have received a degree with paralegal studies component; or has a minimum of three years experience as a practicing paralegal; and currently employed performing 51% paralegal work

**Associate Member** (\$100) - graduate of paralegal program but not currently eligible to be voting member; or former voting member who does not meet requirements of a practicing paralegal; or is an Allied Legal Professional paralegal manager who does not meet the requirements of a practicing paralegal, or is an Allied Legal Professional

**Student** (\$60) - currently enrolled in accredited paralegal training program and attending either part-time or full-time, courses in paralegal studies at an institutionally accredited school

**Educator** (\$90) - an individual at an educational institution interested in supporting CAP

**Sustaining** (\$225) (including Vendor Membership) - a individual at a corporation, organization or firm interested in supporting CAP

\*All new and renewal applications will be reviewed for proper credentialing on an annual basis. Each category of membership shall consist of all qualified members in good standing who are not incarcerated nor have been convicted of a felony, who have properly submitted an application, and who have paid the applicable annual membership dues.

**CMBA Sections** Sections further enhances your networking opportunities; provides access to section-specific news, luncheons and events. (Check boxes and enter dues amount on Payment Worksheet)

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (\$25)
- Bankruptcy and Commercial Law (\$35)
- Business, Banking & Corporate Counsel (\$35)
- Criminal Law (\$25)
- Cyber Security - NEW (\$35)
- Environmental Law (\$35)
- Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law (\$35)
- Family Law (\$35)
- Government Attorneys (\$25)
- Health Care Law (\$35)
- Insurance Law (\$25)
- International Law (includes Immigration Law) (\$35)
- Labor and Employment Law (\$35)
- Litigation (\$35)
- Real Estate Law (\$35)
- Small Firm & Sole Practitioner (\$25)
- Social Security & Disability (\$25)
- Women In Law (\$35)
- Workers' Compensation (\$25)
- Young Lawyers (\$25)

## CAP Committees (free to members - get involved with CAP and join one or more committees!)

- Business
- Real Estate
- Job Bank
- Membership
- Newsletter
- PACE
- Pro Bono
- Publications
- Regulation Review
- Statewide Affairs
- Technology/Website

## CMBA Committees

Free to members, the CMBA also offers numerous committees, designed to enhance our members' professional experience. For more information visit [www.clemetrobar.org/committees](http://www.clemetrobar.org/committees)

## Dues Schedule

### Present – June 30, 2025

CAP's fiscal and membership year runs from July 1 of each year and expires on June 30 of the following year. Dues are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Enter appropriate amount on Payment Worksheet portion.

- Voting \$120
- Student \$60
- Sustaining/Vendor \$225
- Associate \$100
- Educator \$90

## Payment Worksheet

Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Section Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation contribution  \$35.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ENCLOSED (made payable to the CMBA)

VISA  MASTERCARD  DISCOVER  AMEX

CREDIT CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions or gifts to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation may be deductible as a charitable donation for federal income tax purposes. Dues payments to the Association may be deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.