

WHITE PLAINS Bar Association

Website: www.WhitePlainsBar.org

Founded: 1947

Number of Members: 300

Brief Association vision

Over the years, the Association has evolved to become an organization that encourages interaction of its members and provides an opportunity to network among other professionals, while offering a variety of community outreach programs of benefit to the White Plains community.

From September through June of each year, the Association sponsors monthly events in downtown White Plains and the surrounding areas. These include luncheons and continuing legal education programs at which topics of local or regional importance to the White Plains legal community and the community at large are presented.

Past topics have included presentations on environmental issues, foreclosures, presentations from

local, state and federal judges, ethics and professionalism, and general issues of importance to civil and criminal practitioners.

Membership in the White Plains Bar Association (WPBA) offers a unique opportunity to interact and network with others in the legal profession who live, work and/or practice in White Plains in a setting designed to foster professional growth.

History

The WPBA was founded in 1947, a time when the practice of law in White Plains was more akin to that of being a country lawyer. The Association has grown from a handful of lawyers to today being an association of over 300 members and one of the largest local bar associations in New York State.

Our membership consists of local solo practitioners, members of large Westchester County firms, as well as local, state and county court judges.

What is your Association's most popular outing/social event?

Our most popular outings are our fall social, holiday party and annual meeting golf outing and dinner, which provide an opportunity for members to mingle in informal settings with members of the federal, state and local judiciary and colleagues.

What is your Association's most pressing concern regarding the legal profession?

Increasing involvement from younger attorneys.

What is your Association's goal for next month? Next year?

The WPBA's goal is to continue to offer collegiality, connections and CLEs as we broaden our base and encourage younger attorneys to join the WPBA.

As an example, the WPBA is hosting a "Night After Court, on the Court" and inviting members and their families to attend an outing at the Westchester Knicks Basketball game in White Plains.

What is your Association's most important current project/initiative?

The Association co-sponsors the annual Ninth Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee's Essay contest for high school students and annually presents the Bohn Vergari Public Service Award and the Isaac Ruben Clinical Award to outstanding students at Pace Law School. ♦

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