



NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
**REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION**



**A GUIDE** TO THE  
REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION  
OF THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## JOINING THE SECTION AND BECOMING A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE

If you would like to join the Section, complete and submit the form at the end of this brochure or contact the NYSBA at **800-582-2452**. If you are a member of the Section and wish to join one of the standing committees, contact the Section's Staff Liaison Amy Jasiewicz at **[ajasiewicz@nysba.org](mailto:ajasiewicz@nysba.org)**.

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## WHY JOIN THE SECTION (AND WHY STAY)

The Real Property Law Section (the “**Section**”) of the New York State Bar Association (the “**NYSBA**”) provides a forum for the State’s real property lawyers.

Lawyers participate in the Section and its Committees for many reasons. As with any other organization, it takes some time to become fully involved and participatory. This brochure is intended to educate newcomers (and even experienced attorneys) as to what the Section offers and the opportunities it presents for participation.

For many of us, Section membership has been an enormously rewarding experience that has been critical to our professional development and has enabled us to establish friendships and forge professional relationships that have lasted a lifetime. The Section provides an opportunity for attorneys of all ages, at all stages of their professional development, and from all kinds of firms (small firms, large firms, and solo practitioners) to mingle, form friendships and professional relationships, develop networks for client referrals and employment opportunities, learn from one another, and teach others.

If you are a new lawyer who wants to learn the “ins” and “outs” of your practice area, there is no better way to learn than to attend Committee meetings, hear what is going on, and attend “hot topics” presentations.

If you are an experienced attorney, membership in a Committee gives you the ability to participate in Committee meetings, discuss novel issues, catch up with current case law, discuss hot topics, and exchange ideas with other attorneys.

How can you become involved and what are the benefits of your participation?

• **First, join a Committee! Are you interested in:**

- Commercial leasing?
- Litigating foreclosures?
- Practicing finance law?
- Representing coops and condos?
- Representing not-for-profit entities?
- “Green” real estate?

**Whatever your interest,**  
there is a Section Committee  
for you. **Join it** (it doesn’t cost  
you an additional dime).

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- **Second, join a Community**

- There is a section-wide online community for all members. You can ask questions and receive answers from your peers instantly. You can also monitor the community to stay up-to-date on current trends and case law. All discussions are stored and searchable on [communities.nysba.org](http://communities.nysba.org).
- There is also a Real Estate Construction Community and a Condo and Coop Community– with more Communities expected to be established.

- **Publish! Read!**

- Do you want to write an article and see it published? Or perhaps you would simply prefer to read a Journal with relatively short, readable articles that deal solely with New York real estate law. Take a look at the Section's *NY Real Property Law Journal*, which is published three times a year and contains articles written by practitioners and law school professors.

- **Attend meetings and obtain CLE credits**

- The Real Property Law Section actively participates in the Annual Meeting of the NYSBA, which generally takes place in January in New York City. At the Annual Meeting there is a general meeting of the Section's membership with continuing legal education (CLE) presentations, multiple break-out meetings of the various Committees, and multiple CLE programs presented by the various Committees. The break out meetings and Committee CLE programs provide a terrific opportunity to catch up on what is happening in your practice area and to meet and interact with attorneys working in your field.
- The Section also sponsors a Summer Meeting, usually held over a long weekend in July, at a resort or other recreational venue, which again provides the opportunity to attend various Committee meetings and attend a continuing legal education program (including an ethics program) – all in a relaxed setting conducive to socializing and relaxing. Sometimes discounts are available to new members.
- Several of the Committees offer free CLE programs from time to time.



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# STANDING COMMITTEES

The Section has established the standing committees described below, which generally are open to all members of the Section. Once you join the Section, you can join as many of the standing committees as you want, at no extra charge. For instructions on how to join, see the last page of this brochure.

## Attorney Opinion Letters

Did you ever sign a mortgage enforceability opinion? Did you ever think about your potential liability for giving the opinion? Or wonder how to qualify your opinion or what opinions are “market”? The members of this Committee consider these issues and more. The Committee has co-authored a form of model mortgage opinion with commentary giving practitioners an excellent education in opinion giving for simple mortgages. The Committee currently is considering revising and modernizing the model form of opinion. If you want a sounding board for opinion-related questions or issues, or if you would like to participate in revising the model opinion form, then join this Committee.

## Commercial Leasing

The Commercial Leasing Committee seeks to identify and address current issues and new developments in connection with the leasing of commercial space. The Committee holds four meetings each year, typically 2-hour lunch meetings, at which presentations on commercial leasing topics and related topics of interest to real estate lawyers are provided by knowledgeable speakers, often with CLE credit for attendees. The meetings are well attended and offer opportunities for active participation by the Committee members. Illustrative topics covered at such meetings over the past several years include Operating Expense Clauses; Casualty and Business Interruption – Lessons from Hurricane Sandy; “Good Guy” Guaranties; Construction Issues for Leasing Lawyers; High-End Retail Leasing; Ground Lease Target Practice; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Issues; Update on Recent Case Law; Selected Federal Income Tax Issues for Leasing Lawyers; Negotiating SNDAs (Subordination and Non-Disturbance Agreements); and an ethics program on the use of social media. Although the Committee has not recently sought to publish reports or develop subcommittee projects, those activities are possible if the members of the Committee are so inclined.

## Condemnation, Certiorari and Real Estate Taxation

The Committee on Condemnation, Certiorari and Real Estate Taxation focuses on the law of condemnation and tax certiorari. The two areas are related because both involve the valuation of real property. In real estate tax certiorari proceedings, the petitioner/grievant argues that the property is, among other things, valued higher than market value. In condemnation proceedings, a municipality, state agency, or utility asserts a right to take property and, thanks to both the United States and New York Constitutions, must pay for it. The amount offered by the condemning authority is often hotly litigated on the ground that the offer does not represent the property's true fair market value.

This Committee is composed of seasoned professionals in the areas of condemnation, certiorari and real estate taxation, but welcomes beginners. Some of the issues the group considers are thorny and interesting. For example, if a client challenges its property's value for real estate tax purposes, can the client argue for a higher value in condemnation proceedings? Join the Committee and find out!

## Condominiums and Cooperatives

The Condominiums and Cooperatives Committee is one of the most active committees of the Section. It holds very well attended regular meetings for committee members at which a variety of speakers discuss recent developments and cutting edge issues in the world of condominiums and cooperatives, with Q & A sessions. Representatives of the Attorney General's offices are often invited to speak at these meetings. The Committee also drafted the form of condominium contract used in virtually all non-developer condominium sales in the City of New York and outlying areas and has from time to time commented on proposed legislation.

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## Green Real Estate

For those in favor of a “green” America, this is the place to be.

The Committee on Green Real Estate’s mission is to promote the development and application of best real estate and scientific practices, guidelines and protocols for the usage of real property in the United States, with a view toward reducing real estate’s carbon footprint. The Committee intends to organize CLE and other programs to educate the NYSBA community, owners, tenants, and their attorneys on how property can be made both more sustainable and potentially more valuable. Educating attorneys to help their clients navigate the “green” process is a key goal of the Committee. The Committee welcomes all attorneys interested in learning about, discussing, and sharing information on “green” issues.

## Landlord and Tenant Proceedings

The Landlord and Tenant Proceedings Committee focuses on current law and issues pertaining to the relationships between landlords and tenants, as well as other occupants of real property. The Committee’s primary goal is to keep members of the Committee up to date on this ever evolving field. The Committee generally holds four evening meetings each year, at which presentations on topics of interest to the members are made by well qualified speakers, usually with CLE credit for attendees. Presentations are generally followed by a Q&A period. Examples of topics for which presentations have been made at recent meetings include Landlord-Tenant Update – 2016; Yellowstone Actions; Reasonable Accommodations for Animals in Housing; and Bed and Breakfast Occupancies.

## Land Use and Environmental Law

The Land Use and Environmental Law Committee is for lawyers whose practice or interest involves zoning and regulatory approvals for all kinds of land development, including subdivisions, site plans, special use permits, zoning restrictions and compliance with other regulations (among them, federal flood zone regulations, landmark and historical designations, and sensitive environmental area designations) that control development and use, and the accompanying environmental review issues. The Committee has a two-fold focus: to serve as a forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas among lawyers who have a significant practice in the land use/environmental area, and to educate lawyers who do not generally practice in this area about how to discern and address land use and environmental regulations that may impact a client’s transactional goals, valuation, and other issues.

## Legislation

The Committee on Legislation oversees the Section’s efforts to follow and provide Section input regarding proposed legislation affecting real property. The Committee coordinates its activities with the NYSBA’s Governmental Relations Office to keep track of real property legislation and provide memoranda to the Legislature and appropriate government officials from Section Committees; and, in some instances, initiates legislation. The Committee prepares and posts on the Section’s website a Legislation Chart listing all real estate legislation introduced in the current and prior session of the State Legislature, and regularly updates the Chart as legislation moves through the legislative process to approval and enactment. Although the Committee generally avoids taking political positions (particularly where different Committees of the Section may have different views), it will, if the proposed legislation includes provisions that are perceived as irrational, impractical, or harmful to the public good, attempt to influence the legislative process by, among other things, talking with legislators (often on a designated visit day), negotiating with other interested groups, and preparing memoranda to the Legislature or the Governor either supporting the proposed legislation and/or suggesting improvements. In recent years, the Committee played an active role in modifying proposed legislation that would have prohibited attorneys from acting as title agents, clarifying the Property Condition Disclosure Act (as originally proposed), and promoting the modernization of the Adverse Possession Law; and has worked to improve many other existing or proposed laws affecting real estate law. In short, this Committee performs a valuable service on behalf of the Section, the public and the entire real estate bar, and needs volunteers to assist in monitoring and commenting on legislation.

## Low Income and Affordable Housing

The Committee on Low Income and Affordable Housing views its primary mission as educating the bar about developments affecting affordable housing and keeping current with proposed and new legislation. Among other things, the Committee coordinates its educational activities with other groups, including by participating in the organization of upstate and downstate conferences sponsored by NYSFAFH (the New York State Association for Affordable Housing), some of which offer CLE credits to practitioners. If you are interested in affordable housing, this is the Committee to join. All ideas for projects are welcome.

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## Not-for-Profit Entities and Concerns

The Committee on Not-for-Profit Entities and Concerns was formed to address the legal issues faced by not-for-profits in acquiring, operating and disposing of space.

Not-for-profit entities receive special benefits as owners of real property, but are also subject to greater scrutiny. Not-for-profits buy, sell, lease and operate property in the same manner as business entities and the representation of these entities in real estate matters requires, above all, knowledge of real estate transactions generally. However, not-for-profit entities operate under special statutory rules with respect to real estate. The Committee focuses on the intersection of real property and land use law with the laws governing not-for-profit, tax-exempt entities, including charities, social service organizations, associations, religious corporations, cultural institutions and other not-for-profits. Some examples of the issues the Committee addresses are transfers and financing of real property by not-for-profits, the availability of real property tax exemptions and other public support for the real estate and capital needs of not-for-profit entities, siting and alteration of nonprofit facilities, regulation and enforcement by the State Attorney General, and not-for-profit governance and decision making related to the above.

The Committee meets three times a year, in January, April and October, offering CLE programs (for credit) and the opportunity for discussion with professionals practicing in this arena. The January meeting is typically a 3-hour CLE program offered as part of NYSBA's Annual Meeting. This program is available to all attorneys. The April and October meetings are shorter business meetings at which free CLE programs are sometimes offered. These meetings are open to Committee members only. The Committee also has published articles in the *NY Real Property Law Journal*, including an "Outline of Real Estate Issues Affecting New York Not-for-Profit Entities," which was created and is periodically updated by the Committee. The Committee is actively looking for additional topics and special project ideas from members.

This Committee is for real estate attorneys representing not-for-profit entities; whether as in-house counsel, outside counsel representing only one or two not-for-profits, outside counsel primarily representing not-for-profits, a public sector attorney with oversight of not-for-profit entities and/or their real estate matters, or an attorney who simply wants to learn about real estate and not-for-profits.



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## Professionalism

The Professionalism Committee's goal – not surprisingly – is to encourage professionalism and ethical conduct. The Committee seeks to achieve that goal by, among other things, disseminating information with respect to ethics and professionalism (including by arranging for the circulation of opinions of interest and providing summaries of selected opinions); monitoring the case law, ethics opinions and changes in rules with respect to ethics and professionalism; fostering a dialogue between attorneys, the bench, and regulators with respect to ethics and professionalism; and presenting (or assisting other Committees in presenting) continuing legal education programs with respect to ethics and professionalism.

Over the past few years the Committee has circulated summaries of ethics opinions involving the following issues: whether a lawyer working from home must display his or her address on his/her website, whether "introducing" clients and/or non-clients is a "legal" service (which trips all the usual ethics considerations, including conflict of interest), and whether a lawyer may accept a fee from a broker for referring a client to the broker (even if the fee is credited against the client's attorneys' fees).

Are you moral? Are you ethical? Are they the same? Join this Committee to keep up with the most recent ethics opinions, and find out. The Committee is not a lot of work – it holds occasional telephone conferences to discuss opinions – and welcomes all who wish to participate.

## Public Interest

The Public Interest Committee's goal is to support the housing needs of the people of New York State by educating and collaborating with the bar about a broad range of public policy issues as they relate to real property law. The Committee meets at least quarterly to discuss issues such as mortgage and tax foreclosure policy and practices, assisted and affordable housing, homelessness, zoning, fair housing, consumer issues, and prevention of lead paint poisoning. One of the Committee's greatest strengths is that it provides a forum for interested attorneys to share information about these different public interest issues. If your heart is in working for the public good, the Public Interest Committee is the place to be. The Committee is always eager and very happy to have new members.

## Real Estate Construction

Although created only a few years ago, the Committee on Real Estate Construction has already made a significant impact. The Committee's basic goal is to educate real estate lawyers, especially those not well-versed in construction, about issues that arise in connection with construction agreements – something virtually all real estate attorneys encounter. The Committee has organized breakfast and lunch seminars and CLE programs for the Section's Summer and Annual meetings.

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As its first major project, the Committee prepared a form of Owner's Rider and Commentary to one of the standard AIA (American Institute of Architecture) forms of Owner/Contractor agreements generally used in construction, together with forms of lien waivers. In 2016 the Committee completed work on a proposed form of Owner's Rider to one of the AIA Owner/Architect Agreements. The Committee plans to continue working on forms for construction projects and making those forms available to the real estate community.

If you are a real estate lawyer, you will certainly be asked by your clients to review construction related agreements from time to time, whether agreements with contractors, architects, or others. To represent your client well, you need some basic knowledge about these agreements and construction issues generally, something you will certainly obtain in this Committee, as it is composed of both experienced construction lawyers and real estate attorneys only peripherally involved in construction. Committee members brainstorm problems, solutions, and current issues.





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## Real Estate Financing

The Committee on Real Estate Financing focuses on every aspect of finance in commercial and residential real estate transactions. Beyond state-of-the-art loan documents (which are available to Committee members), loan structures and market trends, the Committee deals with remedies and enforcement.

Looking at the “last day first” of commercial and residential financing, the Committee assembles and makes available to its members insights gleaned from the latest industry trends, transactions, regulations, cases and thought leaders. In furtherance of these objectives, the Committee holds regular CLE programs (for CLE credit), evaluates and comments on proposed legislation, reports on new rules and regulations in the banking sector, considers model national and local proposed legislation, and studies and reports on the latest cases in loan and guaranty enforcement.

The Committee forms task forces to analyze important new decisions, timely issues and trends in New York and nationally; and weighs in on the hottest and most important topics of the day – such as “bad boy” guaranty enforcement, intercreditor agreements, lien priority, lender liability, mezzanine loan structures, model receiver-ship statutes, and zombie homes.

For a bird’s eye view of all things finance – and for spirited collaboration among both the most accomplished financing lawyers in the State and those first starting their careers – this is the place to be. Join this committee to learn, grow and contribute.

## Real Estate Workouts and Bankruptcy

The Committee on Real Estate Workouts and Bankruptcy focuses on bankruptcy issues as they relate to real estate. No matter what area of real property law is your focus, bankruptcy and workout issues can arise at any time. This Committee concentrates on educating real property attorneys on these issues, helping them to be prepared when clients’ interests are affected by bankruptcy or the need for a workout arises.

## Title and Transfer

The Committee on Title and Transfer (or, “T & T”) is the group within the Section charged with keeping the real property transfer process running smoothly. Whenever a real property fee, leasehold or encumbrance is sought to be created, perfected or insured, our committee promotes policies and practices that help maintain efficiency and responsiveness. If issues arise with recording practices, transfer taxes, insurance regulation, or title insurance products and protections, the T & T is the voice of the real property bar, making sure that our priorities, and those of our clients, are understood.

When New York City adopted ACRIS, the Committee was there to evaluate the system, consult with the county clerks, and explain the new system to the bar. When the New York State Insurance Department threatened to adopt regulations that would have prevented lawyers from acting as title agents, the Committee was there to negotiate with the Insurance Department and the New York State Land Title Association.

We strive to enhance the practice of real property law by supporting the adoption of reasonable and rational title and transfer standards, and by encouraging and educating our members in their proper application. Also, our committee interacts with government regulators and legislators, and with “related” industry groups, such as surveyor associations, County Clerks, and title insurance industry organizations, to maintain cooperation and to help address mutual concerns.

## Website and Electronic Communications

The Website and Electronic Communications Committee acts as liaison between the Section and the NYSBA on all matters relating to technology and, in particular, the Section’s website and its active Communities. The Section currently has four communities (more are expected to be formed), consisting of the Real Property Law Section Community (used for general inquiries and information), the Condos and Coops Community, the Construction Committee Community and the Executive Committee Community. Our goal is to enhance the website to make it more responsive to Section members’ needs and more interesting to visit. If you have ideas on how to improve the Section’s website or if you’re a tech geek and want to contribute, join this committee!

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# SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## Section Executive Committee

The Section is managed by an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee's officers are the Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and Secretary. Each officer serves for one year (June 1 through May 31). The First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair and Secretary each generally advances, at the end of his or her year, to the next (upward) officer position.

The Executive Committee is composed of its officers, the Chairs of the Section's Standing Committees (who are appointed by the Chair), former Chairs of the Section, District Representatives (described below), Members at Large appointed by the Chair, and the Section's delegates to the NYSBA House of Delegates.

The officers of the Committee are nominated by the Nominating Committee, which consists of prior Chairs and two additional members appointed by the current Chair.

The Chair also appoints the Section's administrative officers and administrative committees; and may also appoint or create certain ad hoc committees and task forces.



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# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

## Administrative Officers and Other Positions

The Executive Committee includes a Budget Officer (who keeps track of Section finances) and a Calendar Officer (who maintains a calendar of all Section events), and also a delegate from the Young Lawyers Section of the NYSBA and the Chairs of any then-existing Task Forces.

## Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee is responsible for spearheading the Section's diversity efforts. Its goal is to increase diversity of the Section's membership. Anyone who wants to help make the Section more diverse – please volunteer!

## Membership Committee

The Committee on Membership acts as the Section's cheerleader. The Committee works closely with NYSBA's staff to track membership developments and solicits Section volunteers for the many recruitment opportunities arranged by NYSBA at law schools. Two members of the Committee are members of NYSBA's Membership Committee and share with the Section's Executive Committee ideas learned from other Sections. The Committee also works closely with the District Representatives to encourage them to (i) welcome new members and help get them involved in Section activities and committees, (ii) conduct various social and community service projects with local and specialty bar associations and (iii) publicize the Section and what it has to offer at continuing education programs run by the Section and local and specialty bar associations. The Committee's overall mission is to lead the Section's efforts to attract and retain members and to involve members in Section activities.

## CLE Liaison

Two members of the Executive Committee serve as liaison between the NYSBA's CLE department and the Section with respect to CLE programs offered by the NYSBA in the area of real estate law. Typically, the two members work with the CLE department to conceptualize and organize the programs.

## Publications Committee

The Committee on Publications is responsible for peer review and editing of articles published in the Section's *NY Real Property Law Journal*. The *Journal* is published four times a year. Its aim is to inform Section members of developments in real property law and practice.

## Student Affairs

The Student Affairs Committee acts as liaison with various New York law schools, and its task is to find ways to involve students in Section activities. The committee runs the Section's Student Internship Program, which places students from New York State's law schools in internship programs hosted by law firms and corporate law offices during the spring and fall semesters.

## Awards Committee

There is an Awards Committee that recommends, on an annual basis, an individual to receive the Section's Professionalism Award, which is given to an individual who, among other things, possesses in her/his practice a continuing civility and appreciation for others, possesses an outstanding level of competence, legal ability and achievement, has made a strong contribution to the development and improvement of the practice of law, particularly in the field of education (frequently lecturing in CLE programs and in writings), has over the years engaged in mentoring of younger attorneys, has involved herself/himself in bar association activities, has been a voice on legal issues, and has throughout her/his career has maintained the highest ethical standards.

The Executive Committee is a collegial group that generally operates by consensus.



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## DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

For administrative purposes, New York State's Court system is divided into thirteen Judicial Districts. Up to two district representatives from each Judicial District are appointed by the Section's Chair to the Executive Committee. The job of the district representatives is to reach out to current and potential Section members in their districts, organize social events, liaise with other bar associations, and generally act as facilitators. The district representatives have, among other things, organized charitable events, inter-bar association events, theater outings, cocktail CLEs and many other events. They contact attorneys who have dropped out of the Section and encourage them to return to the Section. They welcome attorneys new to the Section. Their goal is to reach out to members and find out what works and what does not.

## OVERVIEW OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF NYSBA

### The NYSBA Generally

The NYSBA represents the State's lawyers on a global level by, among other things, representing the general interests of its members, working to improve the State's court system, providing continuing legal education, publishing reports on matters of public importance (such as civil rights), and seeking to maintain the integrity of the legal profession, including by providing ethics opinions in response to inquiries from practicing attorneys.

Membership in the NYSBA is generally open to all of the State's lawyers and non-resident lawyers admitted to practice in New York State.

The NYSBA has a President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. It is governed by a House of Delegates and an Executive Committee. The House of Delegates is the policy-making body of the Association and its actions on specific issues becomes official NYSBA policy. It is composed of current officers of the NYSBA, members-at-large of the Executive Committee, three members from each Judicial District, one or more delegates from each Section, and delegates from local bar associations.

The 30-member NYSBA Executive Committee may act and speak for the Association consistent with established policy when the House of Delegates is not in session. The officers of the Association are selected by a Nominating Committee and elected by the House of Delegates.

### The Sections

The heart of the NYSBA lies in its Sections, which provide a forum for attorneys practicing in particular practice areas. The Sections include the Real Property Law Section, the Business Law Section, the Trusts & Estates Law Section, and the Trial Lawyers Section, among others. A few Sections represent other interests, including the Young Lawyers Section, the Senior Lawyers Section, and the Judicial Section. As of January 2016, the Real Property Law Section was the third largest of the Sections (after Young Lawyers and Trusts & Estates).

The Section's delegates to the NYSBA House of Delegates participate in the Sections Caucus, which was formed to represent the interests of the Sections at the House of Delegates and to provide a forum for all the Sections.

### The Real Property Law Section, Committees, and Executive Committee

The Real Property Law Section, in turn, has established standing Committees (described above), many of which focus on a specialized area of real property law, such as real estate financing, condominiums and cooperatives, not-for-profit law, commercial leasing, construction, and landlord-tenant law. Occasionally task forces are formed to address particular problems or areas of concern, such as "zombie" properties. The Section is governed by its Executive Committee.

# Membership Application: You Must First Be a Member of NYSBA to Join Our Section

## REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

- As a member of the New York State Bar Association**, I enclose my payment of \$40 for Real Property Law Section (RPLS) dues.
- As a NYSBA attorney member admitted 5 years or less**, I enclose my payment of \$10 for RPLS dues.
- As a NYSBA law student member**, I wish to become a RPLS member for FREE.
- I wish to become a member of the NYSBA** (see Association membership dues categories below) and the RPLS. I enclose payment for both.
- I am a Section member — please consider me for appointment to committees marked.**

## NYSBA Membership Dues *(check one)*

Class based on first year of admission to bar of any state. Membership year runs January through December.

### ACTIVE/ASSOCIATE IN-STATE ATTORNEY MEMBERSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2009 and prior	<b>\$275</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2010-2011	<b>185</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2013-2014	<b>125</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2014-3.31.2016	<b>60</b>

### ACTIVE/ASSOCIATE OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEY MEMBERSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2009 and prior	<b>\$180</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2010-2011	<b>150</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2012-2013	<b>120</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys admitted 2014-3.31.2016	<b>60</b>

### OTHER

<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member	<b>\$400</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Member	<b>185</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Newly Admitted Member*	<b>FREE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Law Student Member	<b>FREE</b>

### DEFINITIONS

Active In-State = Attorneys admitted in NYS, who work and or reside in NYS  
Associate In-State = Attorneys not admitted in NYS, who work and or reside in NYS  
Active Out-of-State = Attorneys admitted in NYS, who neither work nor reside in NYS  
Associate Out-of-State = Attorneys not admitted in NYS, who neither work nor reside in NYS  
Sustaining = Attorney members who voluntarily provide additional funds to further support the work of the Association  
Affiliate = Person(s) holding a JD, not admitted to practice, who work for a law school or bar association  
\*Newly admitted = Attorneys admitted on or after April 1, 2016  
Law Students = Persons enrolled in an ABA accredited law school (includes law graduate students, within 2 years of graduation only, awaiting admission)

**New members: Please include proof of your admission to the practice of law.**

Please return this application to:

### MEMBER RESOURCE CENTER

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## Real Property Law Section Committees

Please designate in order of choice (1, 2, 3) from the list below, a maximum of three committees in which you are interested.

- \_\_\_ Attorney Opinion Letters (REAL1100)
- \_\_\_ Awards (REAL3400)
- \_\_\_ Commercial Leasing (REAL1200)
- \_\_\_ Condemnation, Certiorari, & Real Estate Taxation (REAL1300)
- \_\_\_ Condominiums & Cooperatives (REAL1400)
- \_\_\_ Continuing Legal Education (REAL1020)
- \_\_\_ Diversity (REAL5200)
- \_\_\_ Green Real Estate (REAL4700)
- \_\_\_ Landlord & Tenant Proceedings (REAL2100)
- \_\_\_ Land Use & Environmental Law (REAL1500)
- \_\_\_ Legislation (REAL1030)
- \_\_\_ Low Income & Affordable Housing (REAL2600)
- \_\_\_ Membership (REAL1040)
- \_\_\_ Not-for-profit Entities & Concerns (REAL3200)
- \_\_\_ Professionalism (REAL3100)
- \_\_\_ Publications (REAL1800)
- \_\_\_ Public Interest (REAL4000)
- \_\_\_ Real Estate Construction (REAL4400)
- \_\_\_ Real Estate Financing (REAL1900)
- \_\_\_ Real Estate Workouts & Bankruptcy (REAL3600)
- \_\_\_ Student Affairs (REAL5500)
- \_\_\_ Title & Transfer (REAL2200)
- \_\_\_ Website & Electronic Communications (REAL5400)

## Personal and Payment Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Law school \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ States/dates of admission to Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

Association Membership Dues	\$ _____
Section Dues <i>(Optional)</i>	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

### Method of Payment:

- Check (payable in U.S. dollars) **or...**
- MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

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