



**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**

Interested in joining the Section? Please contact the NYSBA Member Resource Center at 1-800-582-2452 or visit [NYSBA.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](https://www.nysba.org/membership) Current Section members who would like to join a standing committee may do so by logging into your NYSBA Dashboard and selecting “My Sections”.

## **JOIN THE REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION**



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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 “dirt” real estate law?
- Representing coops and condos?
- Representing lenders or borrowers using real property as security?
- “Green” real estate?

## SECOND, JOIN US ONLINE

- There is a Section-wide online community for all members, as well as communities dedicated to real estate tax, climate change, landlord and tenant proceedings, and condo and co-op matters at the Committee level. 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](https://communities.nysba.org).
- Follow the Real Property Law Section on LinkedIn for updates, information, and networking opportunities.
- 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 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, break-out meetings and CLE programs presented by certain Committees, as well as awards and networking events. This is 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 network with other Section members, attend Committee meetings, and attend CLE presentations (including an ethics program) – all in a relaxed setting conducive to socializing and relaxing. Special rates are available to first time attendees and Section members.
- Several of the Committees offer CLE programs from time to time.
- The Section also presents online CLE webinars and recorded programs through the NYSBA website, which are all available free with your membership.



## STANDING COMMITTEES

The Section has established the standing Committees described below, which are open to all members of the Section. Typically composed of a mix of seasoned professionals and beginners, Committees hold occasional video conferences and in-person meetings to discuss relevant topics, transactions, and case law updates. Once you join the Section, you can join as many of our 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 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 by this Committee include operating expense clauses; casualty and business interruption; “good guy” guaranties; construction issues for leasing lawyers; high-end retail leasing; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues; and negotiating SNDAs (subordination and non-disturbance agreements).

### CONDEMNATION, CERTIORARI AND REAL ESTATE TAXATION

This Committee 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. The issues 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

This Committee is one of the most active committees of the Section. It holds very well attended regular meetings for Committee members at which 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 office 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. Multiple sub-committees also meet regularly.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

This Committee's 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 Construction Committee has prepared forms of Owner's Rider and Commentary to the standard AIA (American Institute of Architecture) Owner/Contractor agreement and Owner/Architect Agreement, as well as forms of lien waivers. The Committee organizes seminars and CLE programs and frequently presents at the Section's Summer and Annual meetings.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE STANDARDS (ESG)**

This Committee was created to educate real estate practitioners on how ESG standards are used to measure an organization's impact in these three areas, which may be used by socially-responsible investors to evaluate potential investments in real estate companies.

## **ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM**

This Committee's goal—not surprisingly—is to encourage professionalism and ethical conduct in the practice of law. The Committee seeks to achieve that goal by 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 case law, ethics opinions and changes in rules; fostering a dialogue between attorneys, the bench, and regulators with respect to ethics and professionalism; and presenting CLE programs on ethics and professionalism.

## **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

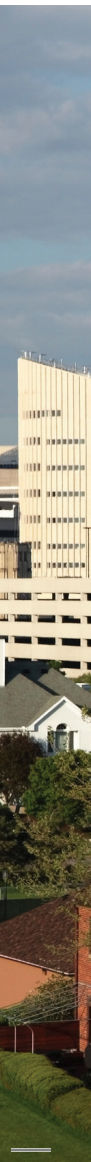
primary goal is to keep members of the Committee up to date on this ever-evolving field. The Committee generally holds four meetings each year, at which presentations on topics of interest to the members are made by well qualified speakers, usually with CLE cred-it for attendees.

## **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 also addresses the development and application of sustainable real estate and scientific practices, guidelines, protocols, and regulations. 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—including new laws and regulations relating to sustainability and the carbon footprint of real property—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 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



a Legislation Chart listing real estate legislation introduced in the current and prior session of the State Legislature. 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, negotiating with other interested groups, and preparing memoranda to the Legislature or the Governor either supporting the proposed legislation and/or suggesting improvements. 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.



## 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. 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 include 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, and regulation and enforcement by the State Attorney General.

## 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.

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.

## 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 receivership 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.

## **SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE 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 and Administrative 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.

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

## **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), a liaison to the Young Lawyers Section of the NYSBA, and the Chairs of any then-existing Task Forces.

### **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE)**

This committee works with NYSBA staff to schedule and organize CLE presentations on topics of interest to real estate practitioners with varied levels of experience. The committee assists in locating interesting and knowledgeable speakers and choosing timely topics. The Committee serves as a liaison between NYSBA's CLE department and the Section with respect to CLE programs offered by NYSBA in real estate law and promotes and fosters cooperative CLE efforts among Section committees, NYSBA, and county or local bar associations to serve real estate practitioners.

### **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

The Diversity Committee is responsible for spearheading the Section's diversity efforts. Its goal is to increase the diversity of the Section's membership through networking and programs dedicated to attracting diverse members and encouraging them to become active in Section programs.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

This 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's overall mission is to lead the Section's efforts to attract and retain members and to involve members in Section activities.

### **PROFESSIONALISM AWARD COMMITTEE**

This Committee recommends, on an annual basis, an individual to receive the Section's Professionalism Award (described below), which is given to an individual with qualities of civility, outstanding competence, legal ability and achievement, who has contributed to the development and improvement of the practice of law, engaged in mentoring of younger attorneys, been active in the bar association, been a voice on legal issues, and maintained the highest ethical standards.

### **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. The Committee also judges the Real Property Law Section Annual Student Writing Competition (described below).

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Scholarship Committee organizes the Section's scholarship program (described below) and assists in the selection of scholarship recipients of academic excellence, high integrity, and a demonstrated interest in the area of real property law and the public interest, through legal writing, lecturing, and scholarship.

### **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.

## **WEBSITE AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The Website and Electronic Communications Committee acts as liaison between the Section and NYSBA on all matters relating to technology and, in particular, the Section’s website, LinkedIn page, and its active online Communities (described above). Our goal is to enhance the website to make it more responsive to Section members’ needs and more interesting to visit. This Committee also selects the recipient of the Lewis Taishoff Outstanding Community Contributor Award (described below).

## **INTERNSHIPS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

### **STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The Real Property Law Section (RPLS) has partnered with law schools in New York State to create an RPLS Student Internship Program. The purpose of this clinical program is to give second and third year law students interested in transactional real estate (including environmental and sustainability issues) and real estate litigation a semester of work experience in a law firm or corporate law department.

### **REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION ATTORNEY PROFESSIONALISM AWARD**

This Award honors an outstanding individual real estate practitioner 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 award is presented during the Section’s Annual Meeting.

### **LEWIS TAISHOFF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR AWARD**

Many members of the Section generously share their time, expertise, recommendations, resources and guidance to other members by contributing regularly to the online Community. Thanks to their efforts, the Community has become a robust, interesting and valuable tool for members to refer to and connect with colleagues statewide. The Outstanding Community Contributor Award recognizes members who have made significant contributions to the Community. In 2026, the award was renamed to recognize the exceptional and continuous contributions of the first awardee, Lewis Taishoff. The award is presented during the Section’s Annual Meeting.

### **REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION ANNUAL STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION**

The Section sponsors an annual Student Writing Competition, open to all students who are candidates for the JD or LLM degree at an accredited law school in New York State during the year in which the article is submitted. The student article that is selected as “best article” may be published in the New York Real Property Law Journal, which is the Section’s official publication. In addition, one or more other student articles that are deemed worthy of recognition, provided they otherwise meet the criteria of the Competition, may be designated as “outstanding submissions.” To be eligible for consideration, the topic of the article must relate to real property law. The

submission process begins in the Spring and there is a cash prize awarded for the “best article.”

### **REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

The New York Bar Foundation established Real Property Law Section Memorial Scholarships through a gift from the Section to honor past leaders of the Section. Up to three \$7,500.00 scholarships are awarded annually, each to a second or third-year law student, to recognize the Section’s commitment to academic excellence, high integrity, and a demonstrated interest in the area of real property law and the public interest. Efforts are made to honor the Section’s commitment to gender equality and diversity in the profession, and to ensure geographic diversity by selecting students from New York State law schools in different counties over the years. A preference is

given to students who demonstrate financial need. The application opens in the Fall with scholarship awards announced in January.

### **REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The Leadership Academy is an investment in our members’ growth and involvement, created with the goals of strengthening our Section’s voice, expanding our reach, and ensuring that the next generation of real property law professionals is prepared to lead with skill, empathy, and purpose. This Academy offers a program designed to teach essential leadership skills and create pathways for deeper engagement and long-term involvement in Section activities. New and mid-career attorneys are invited to apply to join the Academy. There is no application fee or registration fee for Academy participants.



## **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 District Representatives (i) welcome new members and help get them involved in Section activities and committees, (ii) organize social events and community service projects for District members, (iii) coordinate with local and specialty bar associations to facilitate cooperation with and support from the Section, and (iv) publicize the Section and what it has to offer. The district representatives have, among other things, organized charitable events, inter-bar association events, theater outings, cocktail CLEs and many other events. 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**

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 their jurisdiction. Membership benefits include free registration to all live CLE programs taking place virtually; 24/7 access to thousands of hours of on-demand CLE programming; access to the entire eBook library and hundreds of online fillable forms; thousands of articles covering legal topics across all practice areas; two Section memberships (from 28 available); and full access to all NYSBA member partner benefits and discounts.

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 Section when consistent with association policy and approved by the NYSBA president. The officers of the Association are selected by a Nominating Committee and the Section is represented in the House of Delegates.

## **THE SECTIONS**

The heart of 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 50+ Section, and the Judicial Section. As of January 2026, the Real Property Law Section was the third largest of the Sections (after Young Lawyers and Trusts & Estates).

The Sections' 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**

The Real Property Law Section advances the practice of real property law through advocacy, collaboration, and education. The Section supports sound legislation, works with real estate industry professionals to improve transactional practices, addresses emerging challenges in the field, and educates the public about the essential role attorneys play in protecting real property interests



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