

# Top Ten Reasons to Become a PCBA Member

## 1. Networking / Socializing

As a PCBA member, you have the opportunity to meet and get to know other members of the local legal profession through committees, membership luncheons, and social events. You can learn what others are doing, get to personally know other legal professionals, and develop friendships.

## 2. Further Your Career or Practice

There are several ways that PCBA can assist with the expansion of your practice or career: First, you can increase your exposure and make yourself known to others by joining a committee or being a CLE speaker. Further, members can serve as attorney panelists on **PCBA's Lawyer Referral Service and Reduced Fee Panel programs** that connect individuals in need of legal help with participating attorneys. Finally, the networking opportunities are endless, as PCBA activities provide a forum for members to interact together outside the office or courtroom.

## 3. Savings on Business & Personal Expenses

PCBA has developed relationships with several businesses and providers that offer special discounts/rates to members. Some of the current benefits include: discounted health insurance, computer services, office supplies, home mortgage loans, and spa services. The list of benefits available continues to grow.

## 4. Quality Educational Opportunities

PCBA offers 25+ CLE seminars throughout the year, designed by and for PCBA members. All seminars are designed to help meet your CLE requirements and cover a wide array of informative and useful topics to assist you professionally. PCBA members receive a discounted registration fee to attend. PCBA also provides a forum for timely professional discussions with guest speakers at PCBA luncheons.

## 5. Professional Resources

Members receive a free copy of our popular and invaluable annual pictorial legal directory (with additional copies at a discounted member rate). Usage of our conference room downtown is also available to members at no charge (reservations required). Members may further take advantage of our collection of Self-Study CLE videos.

## 6. Stay Informed

For over 25 years, PCBA has published *The Writ*, a monthly newspaper with information on diverse issues, court/rule updates, and activities of interest to our members and the local legal community at large. PCBA Members receive a free subscription of our well-known local newspaper.

## 7. Protection of Your Professional Interests

PCBA serves as an advocate for the professional interests of its members before the Arizona State Bar and other state and local entities. For example, three members of the State Bar's Board of Governors also serve on the PCBA Board of Directors and regularly act as liaisons between the two entities. PCBA also has a Rules Committee to review prospective court rule changes that impact members of the Pima County legal community. Further, PCBA representatives serve on other boards and commissions, such as the Southern Arizona Legal Aid Board of Directors.

## 8. Giving Back to the Community

Over the years, PCBA has been involved in many, different charitable endeavors, such as building homes for Habitat for Humanity and participating in annual food drives through the Legal Community Against Hunger. PCBA provides a collective forum for members to come together and offer important assistance to less fortunate members of our community in need. Through PCBA, members have a chance to pool resources and make a greater community impact.

## 9. Learning Opportunities through YLD

PCBA includes a Young Lawyers Division (YLD) for members who have been in practice for less than 5 years and/or are under 36 years of age. YLD is committed to assisting young lawyers in their career development through a multitude of activities. YLD members also get a reduced PCBA membership rate, with those admitted to the Bar in the last year receiving one year of membership at no cost.

## 10. An Exceptional Value

A cost-benefit analysis of what members get with their annual membership dues reveals a financial savings of up to \$825 (*not* including discounted expenses with partnering businesses). Further, the benefits and value of potential networking opportunities and gained information through PCBA are *PRICELESS*.

YEARLY ITEMS	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	SAVINGS
CLE Seminars	\$20/hr. or \$300 for 15 credits	\$40 /hr. or \$600 for 15 credits	Up to \$300
Legal Directory			
• First Copy	\$0 (Free)	\$50	\$72.50
• Extra Copies	\$22.50/copy	\$50/copy	(2 copies)
Subscription to <i>The Writ</i>	\$0 (Free)	\$18	\$18
5 Membership Luncheons	\$0 (Free)	\$85 (\$17/luncheon)	\$85
Participation in LRS and RFP Programs	\$0 (Free)	\$150 (LRS) \$150 (RFP)	Up to \$300
Use of PCBA Meeting Space	\$0 (Free)	\$50 (half-day)	\$50
Discounts from Partnering Businesses	Varies	Regular prices	Unknown (varies)
Networking Opportunities	Endless	Unknown	Priceless
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Savings up to \$825.50 + Business discounts + Networking prospects</b>		