



South Carolina Bar

DIRECTORY

of *Member Benefits*

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The South Carolina Bar provides members with services they need every day in the practice of law. Questions about your member benefits should be directed to Charmy Medlin, Membership Services Director, at (803) 799-6653, ext. 134 or cmedlin@scbar.org.

Practice Tools

CASEMAKER 2.1

Casemaker

Casemaker is a comprehensive online legal research service that includes state and federal case law, statutes, regulations and much more. Bar members have free and unlimited access to Casemaker through the Bar's Web site at www.scbar.org/casemaker. For research assistance, call Casemaker toll free at 1-877-659-0801 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For login assistance, call (803) 799-6653, ext.183.

Casemaker-Medical is also offered to Bar members through Lawriter for a fee. It provides innovative legal search tools in Medline (life sciences, including medical and pharma) and Cochrane (best care practice) databases to help identify the most relevant scientific evidence for your case. For more information visit www.scbar.org/casemaker.

Practice Management Assistance Program

PMAP provides free law office management advice to Bar members through consultations, articles, Web sites and CLE presentations. Services include assistance with starting a law practice, choosing new technology, personnel issues and winding down. Additionally, PMAP publishes tips, news and more via E-Blast and the S.C. Small Firm blog, www.scsmallfirm.com. Checklists, forms, links, a lending library list and more can be found online at www.scbar.org/pmap. Call (803) 799-6653, ext. 183 or e-mail pmap@scbar.org.

Ethics Opinions

The Ethics Advisory Committee renders advisory opinions for members on prospective ethics problems and provides the full text of all opinions (dating back to 1958) in a searchable database at www.scbar.org. The opinion are also accessible through Casemaker. To request an opinion, write your inquiry

on plain paper (not letterhead) and use fictitious names for the involved parties. Please include applicable case or statutory law. Write a brief letter of request on letterhead and submit it to Ethics Advisory Committee, South Carolina Bar, P.O. Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202 or jrothstein@scbar.org.

Risk Management

In partnership with ALPS, the Bar's preferred malpractice provider, the Bar provides RISC (reduce insured's susceptibility to claims) assessments to ALPS-insured members of the Bar. The visits are designed to assist attorneys and their staffs in targeting potential areas of risk and to provide the tools necessary to help eliminate the potential for malpractice lawsuits. Areas reviewed can include filing systems and organization, client relations and calendar management. The visits are conducted by a Bar staff lawyer trained by ALPS.

STAR (Steps to Avoid Risk) is a Bar-operated risk management program designed to provide members with a candid assessment of law office operations and personalized suggestions to avoid malpractice and disciplinary claims. After an assessment of office organization, calendaring methods and staffing, you will be provided with an

individualized follow-up report and additional information specific to the needs and concerns of your practice.

There is a nominal charge for RISC and STAR visits, and references are available. For more information, e-mail jrothstein@scbar.org

Web Site

Access a world of substantive resources without ever leaving your home or office through www.scbar.org. Among its many features, you'll enjoy free Casemaker legal research, CLE programs through Seminars Direct Online, a searchable Ethics Advisory Opinion database, practice management resources, classified ads, access to *South Carolina Lawyer* indices and articles, and a searchable member directory.

Career Counsel



Career Counsel is a free resource on the Bar's Web site for professionals and students transitioning into or within the legal field. The site features a number of

scenarios related to job searches, interviewing, alternative careers, contract work, mentoring strategies, networking and coping with a job loss. Videos of S.C. Bar members offering career advice are also available. Employers and job seekers can post classifieds at no charge. Visit www.sctbar.org/careercounsel today.

Lawyer Referral Service

The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) offers a simple and practical method of introducing people with legal problems to qualified lawyers. To receive referrals in self-designated areas, Bar members join the LRS at an annual cost of \$50 per county. For more information, visit www.sctbar.org/member/lrs.

Publications

- *Lawyers Desk Book*

Updated annually and distributed each August, the *Lawyers Desk Book* contains a directory of the bench and bar as well as other valuable resource material. One printed or CD-ROM copy is provided to each member who is not inactive or retired. To order additional copies, please visit www.sctbar.org/deskbook.



- *South Carolina Lawyer*

An essential tool for members of the Bar, the *South Carolina Lawyer* magazine strives to present practical and informative material that is of interest to a broad range of Bar members. Articles focus on recent changes in the law, cases or rulings; ethical considerations; quality of life issues; and law practice management. The magazine is printed in January, March, May, July, September and November. For information about submitting an article for publication, please see the Memorandum for Authors at www.sctbar.org/sclawyer.

- *SC Bar News*

SC Bar News is a newsletter that communicates important deadlines, updates on Bar initiatives and programs and other Bar news about which members should be aware. It is published in February, April, June, October and December.

- *E-Blast*

E-Blast is a series of news briefs and links highlighting Bar activities, seminars, court opinions and other useful legal information that is e-mailed to Bar members. A CLE edition is distributed the first Monday of each month. To subscribe, e-mail ljackson@sctbar.org.

- *Perspectives*

Perspectives is the Bar's annual report detailing recent accomplishments and future goals in the areas of member services, continuing legal education, law related education and public services, as well as those of sections, committees, task forces and the Young Lawyers Division. The report was transitioned to electronic format in 2009.

Membership cards

The Bar now offers new and improved Bar cards containing a photo ID on durable plastic material. The cards are available at the Bar building during reg-

ular business hours. The first card is free; replacement cards are \$10 each. Bar staff will periodically offer the cards at CLE seminars. Members are not required to obtain a new card.

Pamphlet Program

The Bar offers a series of educational pamphlets on a variety of topics, including consumer law, divorce, workers' compensation, elder law and probate issues. To order a supply for your office or an upcoming speaking engagement, call (803) 799-6653, ext. 135 (\$10 per bundle of 50).

Free, Confidential Guidance **Lawyers Helping Lawyers**



Lawyers suffer from mental illness and substance abuse at rates higher than the general population. Through the Lawyers Helping Lawyers program, recovering judges and lawyers provide

confidential support to members who are suffering. For assistance, advice, referral or kindness, freely given within the confidence of professional trust, the LHL's resources are only a phone call away. Call (803) 799-6653, ext. 181 (office), (803) 603-3807 (cell) or our confidential, toll-free helpline at (866) 545-9590.

LifeFocus Counseling Services will provide up to five free hours of intervention counseling for attorneys experiencing emotional or stress-related issues. Bar members may call LifeFocus toll-free at (866) 726-5252 to be referred to a counselor in their area 24 hours a day.

Continuing Legal Education

Seminars

The CLE Division offers a number of programs in various formats and locations around the state to give members the best value and convenience in CLE programming. In addition to live seminars, its more than 130 Internet-based programs, live webcasting and more than 80 telephone seminars provide the most original content in distance learning. The experienced, diverse faculty leaves virtually no practice area uncovered, resulting in a wide variety of practical, fresh programming on recent

developments in the law. Please visit www.scbars.org/cle to learn more about the variety of options.

Publications

With more than 80 titles and software products covering every major substantive area of S.C. law, the CLE Publications Store is sure to have a resource with the information you need. The publications are written by experienced S.C. practitioners, judges and professors, and many are offered with valuable forms on CD. Visit www.scbars.org/cle and click the Publications Store link to start browsing.

Convention

The S.C. Bar Convention is the premier event for the South Carolina legal community in terms of education and professional development. The annual line-up of practice-specific seminars provides sufficient CLE hours through which to fulfill your annual requirement, and special events, including the president's welcome reception, plenary luncheon and judicial reception, provide ample opportunity to network with your colleagues from the bench and bar. Visit www.scbars.org/convention to learn more about this year's event.

Networking

As a professional, it is important for you to meet and work with other lawyers who share your interests, needs and concerns. Membership in one or more of the South Carolina Bar's sections offers the opportunity to meet and work with those lawyers. These groups publish newsletters, sponsor CLE programs, participate on listserves and organize other projects that benefit members as well as the public. For more information about sections, contact Donna Oelhafen at (803) 799-6653, ext. 171 or doelhafen@scbar.org.



Sections

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Construction Law
Consumer Law
Corporate, Banking and Securities Law
Criminal Law
Employment and Labor Law
Environment and Natural Resources
Family Law
Government Law
Health Care Law
Military Law
Probate, Estate Planning and Trust
Real Estate Practice
Solo and Small Firm
Tax Law
Torts and Insurance Practice
Trial and Appellate Advocacy
Workers' Compensation

Young Lawyers Division

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) is a dynamic community and professional service organization for new lawyers who are in good standing under 36 years of age, and those admitted to the South Carolina Bar as their first bar for less than five years. The YLD serves as an excellent public relations tool for the profession, providing a mechanism through which young lawyers fulfill their public service goals. To learn more about the YLD's current activities, visit www.scbar.org/yld.

Senior Lawyers Division

All members 60 years of age and older belong to the Senior Lawyers Division. The Division presents 50-year pins to attorneys who have reached this milestone in practice, organizes an annual trip for swearing-in before the U.S. Supreme Court and provides opportunities for members to become involved in other areas of the Bar.

Legislative Advocacy

The Bar monitors and advocates for legislation pertaining to the interests of Bar members. Bar members reap the benefit of the Bar's legislative monitoring services through *The Legislative Update*, a summary of all significant legislation passed, as well as routine updates via E-Blast. The Bar also posts Weekly Legislative Reports on its Web site during the legislative session. Questions regarding legislation can be directed to Kali Campbell Turner at (803) 799-6653, ext. 170 or kturner@sctbar.org.

Insurance Programs for Lawyers

The Bar makes no warranty, express or implied, regarding these insurance products or vendors. However, the Insurance Programs Committee has proposed and the Board of Governors has

approved recommendations for these products. The recommendations are periodically reviewed.

Medical and Dental



Southeastern Insurance Consultants, LLC (plan administrator for the Bar Group Medical Plan under Carolina Care Plan and Group Dental Plan under Guardian)

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Irmo, SC 29063

(866) 567-2227, ext. 2112 toll-free

(803) 732-7284, ext. 2112 local

(803) 781-2923 (fax)

Professional Liability



Attorneys Liability Protection Society (ALPS)

P.O. Box 9169

Missoula, MT 59807-9169

(800) 367-2577 toll-free

(406) 728-7416 (fax)

Retirement Program

ABA Retirement Funds offers tax-qualified retirement plan services to qualified law professionals. This includes full

service, cost effective retirement plans such as 401(k) and profit sharing. Corresponding services include plan design, administration and fiduciary oversight. Program eligibility is open to any law firm or practitioner that has at least one partner or shareholder who is a member of the ABA, or a state or local bar association represented in the ABA's House of Delegates. For a copy of the prospectus or to speak with a plan consultant, call (800) 826-8901, visit www.abaretirement.com or e-mail abaretirement@us.ing.com.

Product Discounts

AMS/Law Firm Merchant Account



As the only payment solution recommended by more than 50 state and local bar associations, Affiniscap's Law Firm Merchant Account complies with state requirements for managing client funds. Unlike traditional merchant accounts, it correctly handles earned and unearned fees. Members will save up to 25 percent off their credit card processing fees. Call 866-376-0950 or visit www.affiniscap.com/scbar.

Auto Insurance



Geico offers Bar members an eight percent discount on auto insurance. Visit ww.geico.com or call 1-800-368-2734 for a free quote.

Computer Training

Discounted rates for computer application training are available to members from New Horizons Learning Centers, with locations in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville. Contact Tony Hendon at (803) 576-1213.

Credit Card Program



The Bar sponsors a credit card program through Bank of America. For more information, call (866) 598-4970. (Note: Not a preapproved offer—credit check authorized.)

Corel Wordperfect® Discount



Bar members can purchase WordPerfect X4 Standard edition at the discounted price of \$124.99. To order, visit www.corel.com/barassociation. For more information, contact Courtney

Kennaday at (803) 799-6653, ext. 183 or pmap@scbar.org.

CoreVault Computer Backups



PMS 124
PANTONE REFLEX BLUE

The Bar participates in a program with CoreVault to

offer secure online data backup and recovery services. Bar members receive a special member price starting at a low \$19.95 per month. To learn more or obtain a quote for your law firm, e-mail CoreVault at sales@corevault.net, call 888-330-4SCB (4722) or visit www.corevault.net/scb.

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament



Located in vacation destinations across the United States (SC, GA, FL, CA, NJ, IL, DC, TX) and Canada, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament offers Bar members a 25 percent discount on tickets and 10 percent discount on merchandise. To obtain a discount card, call the Bar at (803) 799-6653, ext. 111 or e-mail lbreitenbaugh@scbar.org. The offer is not valid with any other discount or for special shows/events. Bar members should mention this discount

when making a reservation and present the card upon arrival along with their Bar card.

MeetingBridge Teleconferencing and



Web Conferencing Services

MeetingBridge offers Bar members discounts on these services. After the discount, rates are 9.5¢ per minute for automated teleconferencing service and 13.5¢ for web conferencing service. For more information or to open a MeetingBridge account, visit www.meetingbridge.com.

Overnight Delivery Service

United Parcel Service and FedEx offer discounted rates for Bar members. Members can save up to 26 percent on select FedEx® shipping and up to 20 percent on FedEx Office business services. For more information or to enroll in this program, visit www.1800members.com/scbar or call 1-800-MEMBERS. Current FedEx customers can also take advantage of this offer. Contact FedEx at (800) 636-2377 or go to its Web site to set up a new account or to add an existing account to the Bar's discount program. To add an

existing UPS account to the Bar's discount program, call (800) 325-7000. To set up a new UPS account, call (800) 742-5877 and press "0" for an agent.

Shred 360



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document destruction, media/hard drive destruction, information storage and recycling services. Certificates of destruction are provided for your records. Call (803) 233-1823 or visit www.shred360.com.



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inside back cover of your Lawyers Desk Book.*