



DUES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What Are the Qualifications & Application Procedures?

Any prospective or current member of the CBA (in-state or out-of-state) may apply for partial or full dues assistance for general CBA dues. By assessing their own financial circumstances applicants determine whether to apply for dues assistance.

The dues assistance application form asks applicants to certify that payment of full dues to the CBA would pose a serious financial hardship for them. Examples of hardship include but are not limited to unemployment, costly medical problems and other serious financial issues. In addition to the application the CBA may request additional or supporting information. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL and the information will not be shared with anyone.

How Much Will CBA Dues Be Reduced?

After determining their regular CBA dues rate (based on years since bar admission in any state), applicants request the percentage of dues they seek to be waived, at levels of 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. If 100% of dues are waived there is a minimum charge of \$20 to help cover the cost of processing their membership. If the applicant cannot afford this minimum amount, they must supply a letter to the CBA Membership Services Committee for final approval.

How Long May One Receive Dues Assistance?

Assistance is granted for a one-year period only. Each year, at the time of membership renewal, the member will receive an invoice at the full CBA dues rate. If there is still a financial hardship that necessitates dues assistance, members need to re-apply through the same procedures. A dues reduction of 100% is granted for **one year only**; up to 75% for the second consecutive year and up to 50% for the third consecutive year. The CBA Membership Services Committee will approve the level of dues assistance required for each applicant beyond a three year period.

Are Local Bar Association Dues Affected?

In-state CBA members must also join one of the 27 affiliated local bar associations. The local bars that offer dues assistance programs include: 1st Judicial District, 9th Judicial District, Adams/Broomfield, Arapahoe, Boulder, Continental Divide, Denver Bar, El Paso, Larimer and Pitkin Bar Associations.

Are Member Benefits & Section Dues Affected?

Reducing a portion or all of dues will not affect membership benefits, as applicants are entitled to the same full benefits as any other member. Section dues, however, are not eligible under the CBA Dues Assistance Program and must be paid in full.

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DUES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

This application serves as a request for dues assistance for both the Colorado Bar Association and participating affiliated local bar association (section dues are not eligible to be reduced). All members of the Colorado Bar Association are required to join one of the 27 affiliated local bar associations, with the exception of out-of-state members and members with an inactive license.

Name: (Last) (First) (Middle)

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Work Phone: Work email:

Local Bar Association: Attorney Registration No.:

Describe in detail the reason(s) for your request (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Based on the information above, I request that my CBA, and local bar dues, be reduced by the following amount: 25% 50% 75% 100%

PLEASE NOTE: All dues assistance applicants are asked to pay a minimum of \$20 to cover the costs of processing your membership.

I certify that all information on and included with this application is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. My financial circumstances are that such full payment of dues will result in additional financial hardship.

Signature Date

Please send no money today - you will be billed for the correct amount once we have received your application and it has been reviewed. Return the application to:

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