

# Benefits of Being a FBA Member

**Stay informed on Local Bar and Court News:** Being informed is critical to attorneys. One of the key benefits of being a FBA member is receiving weekly blast e-mails with information on law and procedural changes in the courts and upcoming events and programs. The FBA also offers a comprehensive website with information and resources, classified ads, a calendar of events and CLEs. Access the website at [www.fairfaxbar.org](http://www.fairfaxbar.org).

**Opportunities to Network:** With more than 2,000 active members including attorneys, paralegals, and judges in the region, the FBA provides social programs and events to help our members get acquainted with others in the local legal community. A few of our annual events include the Bench-Bar Dinner Dance, Law Day Weiner Roast, Young Lawyers Section Lawyerpalooza, and the Spring Memorial Golf Tournament.

**Increase Your Business:** By being a member of the FBA, you are eligible to join the Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS) panel at a reduced rate. The LRIS staff screens over 15,000 telephone and Internet requests each year, referring over 3,000 Virginia residents and business to our members.

**Enhance Your Skills:** By belonging to one or more of ten committees (or 12 sections), members are able to work with judges and other attorneys who share your interests and concerns. The programs are designed to assist you in your practice and help you enhance your career skills.



**Expand your Knowledge:** Our members help develop many of our Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs. The FBA helps our members meet their CLE and ethics requirements by providing live CLE courses in the Fairfax County Courthouse or areas nearby for convenience. We also offer more than 125 courses in our Online Catalog, including Podcasts.

**Get Your Name Out:** The FBA offers a free listing of our members in the Online Membership Directory showing your name, firm affiliation, address, phone, and fax.

**Use of Law Library:** Get access to Westlaw, HeinOnline and Virginia Casefinder. Also, the library offers a meeting space up to 12 people (reservations are required) and Wi-Fi. The Fairfax Public Law Library resources include more than 35,000 books and legal periodicals as well as several public computer research terminals. The legal resources available in the law library are not available to the public at any other single location within the County of Fairfax.

**Receive Membership Discounts:** Receive reduced rates on CLEs, FBA publications, FBA Membership Mailing Labels, and other FBA social events and luncheons.

**Benefits through our Affinity Partners:** FBA members receive discounts on a variety of products and services, including insurance plans, copier equipment and supplies, home loans, and newsletters. Additional benefits include, apparel, books, electronics, and office supplies that can be found in the Member Mall on our website.

**Connect with the Community:** You will have the opportunity to support a wide variety of programs that reach out to the community, such as the Model Judiciary program, Chocolate Lover's Festival, court tours for Fairfax County Public School students, the Conciliation program, and *Pro Bono* programs.