



Our Committees

If you are looking to get more engaged, network with colleagues and give-back to your legal community, there are dozens of opportunities for you! Nearly all committee work/meetings can be conducted virtually via phone/Zoom conference so the time commitment for service is generally very minimal, especially compared with the networking and association benefits you'll receive.

Community Service

The Community Service Committee coordinates community outreach programs for Association members and members of the local legal community. Its goal is to encourage and facilitate Member commitments to community service through Association programs and events organized by the Committee and/or Member law firms and community organizations. Annually, the Committee awards recognition to a Member who has demonstrated outstanding community service efforts through the Michael A. Doubek Community Service Award.

Judicial Liaison

The Judicial Liaison Committee shall promote, facilitate and maintain communications between the Members of the Association and the Courts of the United States for the Northern District of Florida and the courts within Florida's First Judicial Circuit. The committee shall further assist said Judiciary in the orderly administration of justice, and serve to discover any areas in which the Bench and Bar may jointly promote a readily accessible judicial system

Meetings & Programs

The Meetings and Programs Committee works with the executive director, local courts, agencies, organizations, and the general membership to schedule engaging and relevant programming for approximately 10 monthly Bar luncheon meetings per year. This committee and the CLE Committee shall each have respective liaisons to the other, in order to coordinate CLE credit, speakers and/or content for such meetings/programs where appropriate.

Lawyer Referral

The Lawyer Referral Committee shall seek to provide effective legal representation to the community by establishing a procedure for the referral of clients with a legal need to attorneys competent in the client's area of need. The committee shall work in conjunction with the Executive Director of the Association, as well as other staff of the Association, in establishing a system whereby the needs of the public are efficiently and expeditiously addressed. The committee shall be responsible for overseeing the referral system, and shall report as necessary to the Executive Council and the President

CLE

The Continuing Legal Education Committee shall work to establish and promote the availability of legal education to the Association through seminars, written material, and any other suitable means of furthering and promoting education in the local legal community. The committee shall work in conjunction with the Florida Bar to insure that any program of legal education is in conformance with the standards set forth by the Supreme Court of Florida. The committee shall confer and cooperate with the Executive Director of the Association to coordinate the presentation of any program of legal education and to make such programs readily accessible to our members.

Law Week

The Law Week Committee shall each year prepare the Association's annual Law Week celebrations after consultation with the Executive Council. The Law Week Committee shall devise such programs, publications or present such speakers as may explain and promote a better understanding to the public of the American System of Justice. The committee shall produce programs and activities of both an educational and celebratory nature. The committee shall endeavor to encourage a better understanding of the history, purpose and public service of the profession.

Sponsorship

The Sponsorship Committee identifies potential sponsors and create mutually beneficial relationships between the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association and the business community by developing personal relationships between our sponsors and our members and assisting ESRBA sponsors achieve their business goals through networking and marketing exposure. Sponsorship dollars, and other forms of non-dues revenue, help keep membership dues low and fund networking opportunities.



Family Law

The Family Law Committee acts as a liaison between the Members of the Association and the Family Law Divisions of the Counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa, Florida. The committee functions in an advisory capacity to the Judiciary and assists the bar in practicing before the Family Law Division circuit bench. The Family Law Committee exchanges information between the bench and the bar, addresses issues affecting children and families in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, and otherwise attempts to facilitate the practice of family law by Members of the Association in conformance with the rules of the Family Law Divisions.

Membership

The Membership Committee works with staff to attain membership goals through retention and new member strategies, including the 100% Club. The 100% Club is a new initiative to recognize firms whose local attorneys (excluding of counsel) are ESRBA members. Committee members also serve as ambassadors to welcome and introduce new members to the membership.

