



2012-2013 Committee Preference Form

Please indicate the Committee(s) on which you are willing to serve in an ACTIVE capacity. Do not select more than three (3) committees and indicate your preference by using only 1, 2 or 3. **PLEASE DO NOT USE CHECK MARKS.** The minimum number to maintain an active committee will be ten (10) members. **You must fill out this sheet, even if you are already on a committee.** Failure to do so will result in your name being purged from the committee. Deadline to return is April 27, 2012. You will be notified by June of your committee assignment(s). This form can be faxed to (561) 687-9007 or mailed to 1507 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer.



PREFERRED METHOD OF SIGNING UP IS ON OUR WEBSITE
www.palmbeachbar.org

Your Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

_____ **Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee** promotes the use of ADR to lawyers, businesses and the public by sponsoring programs which enhance ADR skills.

_____ **Blood Bank Committee** coordinates our blood bank drives with the Palm Beach Blood Bank.

_____ **Client Relations Committee** handles minor complaints from clients, mediates informally in an effort to assist clients, and works to avoid grievances against attorneys and promote better public relations.

The Continuing Legal Education Committees gives members an opportunity to interact with others practicing in similar areas of law. General committee meetings may be submitted for possible CLER credit from The Florida Bar. **The function of each committee is to plan, organize and conduct at least one CLE program per fiscal year.** Members are also asked to participate in the Speakers' Bureau by addressing community organizations as requested.

_____ Bankruptcy Law CLE

_____ Business Litigation CLE

_____ Community Association Law CLE

_____ Construction Law CLE

_____ Employment/Labor Law CLE

_____ Estate & Probate Law CLE

_____ Family Law CLE

_____ Intellectual Property CLE

_____ Personal Injury/Wrongful Death CLE

_____ Real Estate Law CLE

_____ Securities Law CLE

Court Advisory and Practice Area Committees initiate and consider suggestions to improve the practice in their respective area. Members are also asked to participate in the Speakers' Bureau by addressing community organizations as requested and assisting in the coordination of the agenda for the annual Bench Bar Conference.

_____ Appellate Practice

_____ Circuit Court Civil Practice

_____ Criminal Practice

_____ Probate & Guardianship Practice

_____ Unified Family Practice

_____ Workers' Compensation Practice

_____ **Committee for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI).** The purpose of the CDI shall be to promote principles of diversity and inclusion as set out in the Bar's Anti-Discrimination Policy, and implement or continue programs designed to increase the diversity of the Bar's membership and the local legal community.

_____ **Corporate Law and Counsel Committee** This committee engages the non-litigation section of the corporate Bar to provide networking opportunities between similar practice areas. It also provides an exchange of ideas between in-house and outside counsel representing companies. Membership will seek to be balanced between in-house and outside counsel.

_____ **Elder Law Affairs Committee** addresses the needs of the elderly such as crimes against the elderly, Alzheimer's, access to the Courts and educating the elderly. Also sponsors a CLE seminar for members of the Bar on elder law issues.

_____ **Environmental and Land Use Law Committee** serves as a conduit for attorneys practicing in this area of the law to meet, network and discuss environmental and land use issues.

_____ **Guardianship Education Committee** staffs guardianship education classes required for all guardians to attend. The committee also works with the judiciary by reviewing the contents of the classes.

_____ **Judicial Relations Committee** serves as liaison between the Bar and the Judiciary; plans, implements and coordinates programs for better understanding and relations between the Bench and Bar including the bi-annual judicial evaluation, lunches with the judiciary and the annual Bench/Bar Conference.

_____ **Law Related Education Committee** works to promote effective community, law related education programs, for adults and students in Palm Beach County, with an emphasis on respect for the legal system and civics education. The committee seeks to maintain and enhance the cooperative efforts of attorneys and educators in the field of law related education in Palm Beach County. This committee may include ex officio members who are not members of the Bar, but have an interest in promoting the committee's goals and objectives.

_____ **Law Week Committee** plans, organizes, promotes and coordinates the activities of Law Week 2013. These programs include conducting mock trials in the schools, shadow a judge program, as well as providing various opportunities for the public such as free legal clinics and dial-a-lawyer programs.

_____ **Lawyers for Literacy Committee** works on programs to raise awareness in the community about illiteracy.

_____ **Membership Committee** serves to build membership through creative programming, welcome new members and review, identify and expand proposed member benefits.

_____ **Professionalism Committee** addresses ways to foster professionalism in and among Bar members; responds to negative publicity concerning the legal profession; reviews complaints referred to the Professionalism Council; works with many of the Bar's other committees to assist in incorporating a professionalism component to their programming; and oversees the annual Professionalism Award given to an individual attorney or organization.

_____ **Small Claims Court Clinics Committee** presents monthly clinics for the public on small claims court procedures at locations throughout the county. Participants must have recent experience in small claims court matters in order to participate on this committee.

_____ **Small Firm & Solo Practitioner's Committee** provides an opportunity for small firm & solo practitioners to meet and network in an informal setting such as brown bag lunch meetings and happy hours to exchange information and assist each other with office practices and procedures.

_____ **Technology Committee** seeks ways to improve the practice of law with regards to technology

If you are willing to actively serve as chair, please indicate for which committee: _____