



2024-2025 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 **March 31, 2024**. You will be notified in June of your committee assignment(s). This form can be emailed to jbrander@palmbeachbar.org or mailed to P.O. Box 17726 West Palm Beach, FL 33416. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer.



PREFERRED METHOD OF SIGNING UP IS ON OUR WEBSITE
www.palmbeachbar.org - Go to Committees Tab then find Committee Preference

Your Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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

The Continuing Legal Education Committees give 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Law CLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law CLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Litigation CLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury/Wrongful Death CLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Association Law CLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Law CLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law CLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate & Probate Law CLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law CLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Labor 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Transaction Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Family Practice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probate & Guardianship | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

_____ **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 hosts a CLE seminar for members of the Bar on elder law issues.

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

_____ **Judicial Relations Committee** serves as a 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. (limited to 50 members)

_____ **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 2019. 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.

_____ **Local Government & Land Use Committee** will be made up of city, county and other local government lawyers practicing land use law and private sector attorneys representing and practicing before local governments and agencies. The committee will provide relevant CLE's and networking opportunities.

_____ **Lawyer Referral Program Committee** will serve as an advisory committee to the operations of the bar's lawyer referral service program.

_____ **Membership Committee** works to retain members and recruit new members to the organization, including planning membership events, preparing member highlight articles for the Bulletin and periodically selecting a You've Been Served recognition recipient, which is designed to highlight the positive community services provided by PBCBA lawyers.

_____ **Paralegal Committee** provides continuing legal education and ethical programs for the advancement of and incoming and established paralegals.

_____ **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. (limited to 50 members)

_____ **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.

_____ **Solo & Small Firm 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: _____