Find Your Connection



One of the benefits of belonging to a professional association is the opportunity to connect with people outside our usual circles. Whether it's meeting a colleague at a luncheon, finding support from someone who understands the pressures of practicing law or discovering a new resource for your practice, those connections can make a difference.

The Louisville Bar Association has several opportunities this month to get involved, meet colleagues and celebrate our legal community.

Celebrating Our Members

Join us Wednesday, November 18, at the Ice House for the LBA's Annual Awards Luncheon. The program begins at 11 a.m. and will recognize this year's award recipients and Leadership Academy inductees.

The luncheon is an opportunity to recognize the people who contribute to our profession and community, while catching up with colleagues from across the Louisville legal community. Early-bird registration is available through November 3, with member tickets priced at $45 and government member tickets at $40.

I'm especially excited about this year's award winners, and I hope you'll join us.

Making Well-Being a Priority

The LBA Health & Wellness Committee is offering two opportunities this month to connect with colleagues around an important subject: well-being in the legal profession.

On Thursday, November 5, the committee will host the first meeting of *Same Bar, Different Wiring*, a new Member Resource Group for neurodivergent legal professionals. The informal gathering will take place at the Bar Center from noon to 1 p.m. Members with ADHD, autism, dyslexia or other neurodivergent experiences are welcome, regardless of whether they have a formal diagnosis.

Then, on Saturday, November 7, the committee will participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Community Walk at Waterfront Park. Lawyers, judges, legal staff, law students, family and friends are welcome to join the LBA team. Those who cannot attend can support the team's fundraising efforts online.

These initiatives reflect the many ways our association can support its members—not just in their professional development, but in their well-being and sense of community.

Members interested in helping develop future wellness programs are also welcome to participate in the Health & Wellness Committee, which meets monthly via Zoom. Please contact Lisa Murray, *lmurray@loubar.org*, if you would like to be involved.

Getting to Know One Another

I'm pleased to see Brianna Coleman expanding the LBA's social media presence with engaging content on LinkedIn. I encourage you to follow the LBA there, interact with the posts and help us reach more members of the Louisville legal community.

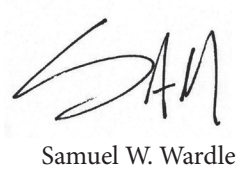
Brianna is also launching LBA Member Spotlights to introduce the people behind our profession. Members can share their practice areas, explain what brought them to the LBA, identify the membership resources they value and offer advice to lawyers who are just getting started. If you'd like to be featured, please reach out to Brianna at *bcoleman@loubar.org*, and she will send you a short Member Spotlight questionnaire.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As we approach the new year, I encourage each of you to find one new way to engage with the LBA. Attend a program, volunteer for a committee, introduce yourself to a colleague you haven't met or share your experience through a Member Spotlight.

You don't have to make a major commitment to get more out of your membership. Sometimes it starts with showing up, making a connection or lending a hand.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming LBA event—and to continuing to build our professional community together in 2027.



Samuel W. Wardle
LBA President

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