

ABOUT THE WPBA

The White Plains Bar Association was founded in 1947, a time when the practice of law in White Plains was more akin to that of being a country lawyer. The Association has grown from a handful of lawyers to today being an association of over 300 members and one of the largest local bar associations in New York State. Our membership consists of local solo practitioners, members of large Westchester County firms, as well as local, state and county court judges.

Over the years, the Association has evolved to become an organization that encourages interaction of its members and provides an opportunity to network among other professionals, while offering a variety of community outreach programs of benefit to the White Plains community. Past programs include the Association's collaboration with the White Plains School District for the Lawyer in the Classroom project. The Association is also proud to be an annual co-sponsor of Take Your Children to Work Day that provides children with a comprehensive tour of the Charles L. Briant Federal Courthouse located in White Plains and includes presentations from the U.S. parole service, FBI Agents, federal prosecutors, defense counsel and judges. The Association also co-sponsors the annual Ninth Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee's Essay contest for high school students and annually presents the Bohn Vergari Public Service Award and the Isaac Ruben Clinical Award to outstanding students at Pace Law School.

From September through June of each year, the Association sponsors monthly events in downtown White Plains and the surrounding areas. These include luncheons and continuing legal education programs at which topics of local or regional importance to the White Plains legal community and the community at large are presented. Past topics have included presentations on environmental issues, foreclosures, presentations from local, state and federal judges, ethics and professionalism and general issues of importance to civil and criminal practitioners. The Association also hosts several other signature social events, such as our Fall Social at the ArtsWestchester gallery and the Holiday Party in December held at the Westchester Hills Golf Club. Westchester Hills has also been the traditional site for the Annual Dinner and Golf Outing held in May. The Association's annual calendar then concludes with Past President's luncheon in June at which time the Association's awards are presented and the incoming Board and Officers are introduced.

Membership in the White Plains Bar Association offers a unique opportunity to interact and network with others in the legal profession who live, work and/or practice in White Plains in a setting designed to foster professional growth.