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MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

Understanding IABA Membership

IRANIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
Membership Committee

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Membership Categories

IABA offers several membership categories to ensure participation is accessible across career stages and professional roles. All members are part of a single national organization and contribute to sustaining IABA's work.

- **General Membership**, \$95 per year
- **Public Interest and Non-Attorney Membership**, \$75 per year
- **Student Membership**, \$25 per year
- **Judicial Membership**, \$0 per year

[*Click here to become a member.*](#)

IABA Chapters

All members affiliate with a local IABA chapter to receive information about regional programming and events. In areas where no local chapter exists, members may join IABA as unaffiliated members and participate fully in national programming and initiatives.

- Las Vegas
- Los Angeles
- New York
- Northern California
- Orange County
- Phoenix
- Sacramento
- San Diego
- Southeast (regional chapter covering southeastern states)
- Washington, D.C.

MEMBER SUPPORT

The Iranian American Bar Association is a member-led organization. Membership is the foundation of IABA's work, supporting education, professional development, mentorship, scholarships, advocacy, and long-term sustainability. Member support enables IABA to operate with continuity, independence, and accountability. Below is an overview of how membership dues support IABA's work.

Education and Professional Programming

Membership dues support substantive education, with an emphasis on live programming through in-person events and webinars. These efforts provide timely and relevant legal information to community members. They also create meaningful opportunities for Iranian American legal professionals to share their expertise and contribute visibly to the broader legal discourse.



AI and Technology Panel, 2025 IABA Annual Conference, San Francisco

Law Student Scholarships

Membership funding supports scholarship programs that provide financial assistance to law students and early-career attorneys. These scholarships are designed to reduce financial barriers, recognize merit and commitment to the profession, and support access to legal education within the community.

Law Student Mentorship

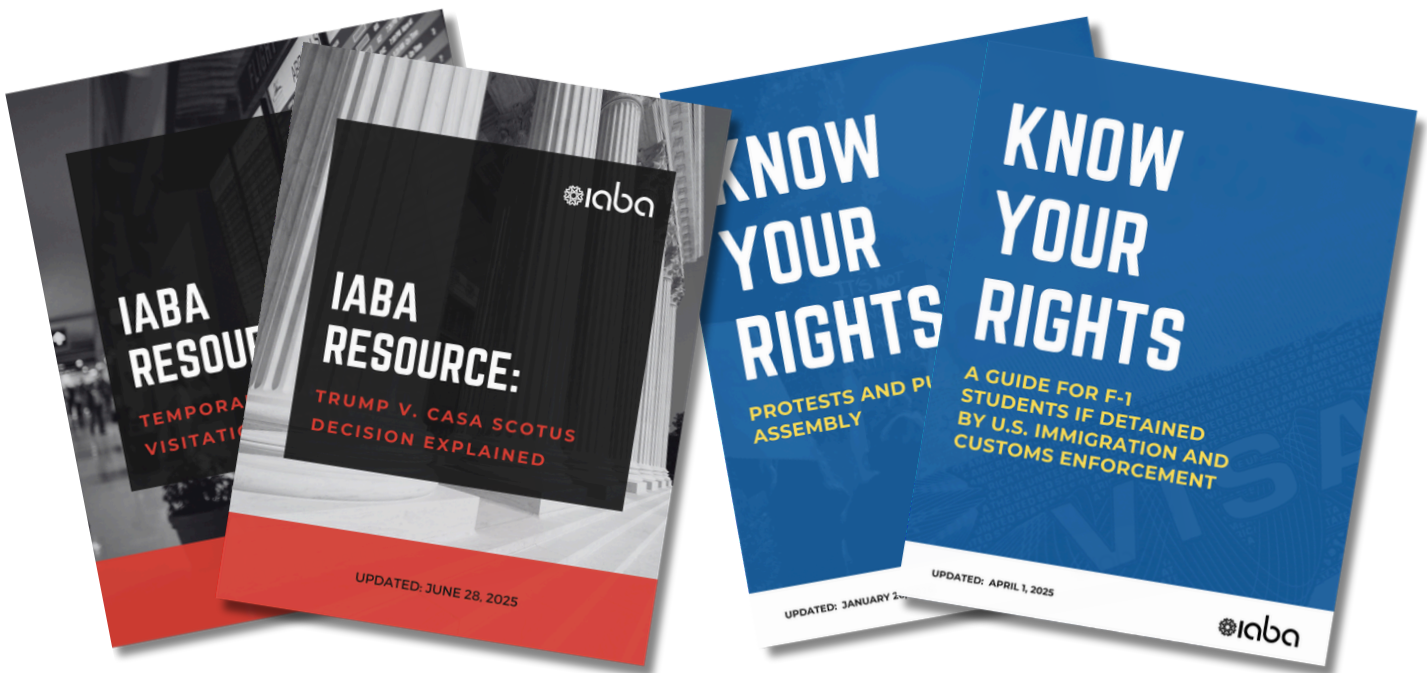
Membership funding supports law student mentorship initiatives that help develop the next generation of Iranian American legal professionals. These efforts reflect a long-term investment in the profession and in expanding access and opportunity within the legal community.



IABA Attorney speaks to Iranian American law students, at IABA Northern California Chapter's annual speed networking event

Advocacy and Written Materials

Membership dues allow IABA to provide timely, expert-led legal education in response to emerging issues affecting the community. This includes legal resources and Know Your Rights materials focused on current legal developments impacting the Iranian American community. When appropriate, these materials are also translated into Farsi to improve accessibility and ensure broader community awareness and understanding of legal rights.



Operations and Organizational Sustainability

Membership support sustains the operational foundation of IABA, including compliance, accounting, technology platforms, and governance functions. These systems are essential to risk management, continuity, and ensuring that IABA operates responsibly and remains sustainable over time.

Impact Litigation

Membership support enables IABA to participate in impact litigation, including amicus efforts and strategic legal collaborations, to help protect the human, civil, and constitutional rights of Iranian Americans and other impacted communities. IABA contributes its legal expertise to cases with broader legal and societal implications, consistent with its role as a professional legal organization.



IABA NorCal and coalition partner attorneys after prevailing on summary judgment challenging the waiver provision of Travel Ban 3.0.

Advocacy and Government Engagement

Membership support enables IABA to engage in legally grounded advocacy by informing government officials and policymakers on issues affecting the Iranian American community. IABA facilitates educational briefings with government officials, prepares and submits written materials to congressional offices, and coordinates outreach that promotes informed government decision-making in support of the community.

Community Events and Recognition

Membership dues enable IABA to host local and national events that bring community members together to connect, collaborate, and build professional relationships. These events foster networking across practice areas and career stages while strengthening ties within the Iranian American legal community. At major convenings, IABA recognizes outstanding leadership through annual awards and acknowledges law firms and legal professionals who provide pro bono services in support of Iranian Americans in need.



IABA President Emeritus Yasmin Bigdeli presents the 2024 IABA Lifetime Achievement Award to Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi

Communications and Marketing Infrastructure

Membership dues support the communication tools and platforms that keep members informed, connected, and engaged. This includes maintaining digital platforms, distributing newsletters and updates, managing member information, and ensuring timely communication about programming, resources, and organizational initiatives.

MEMBER PERKS

IABA membership is primarily a way to support the organization's mission and sustain its work on behalf of the community. Membership dues fund the programs, initiatives, and infrastructure that allow IABA to operate as a credible, independent, member-led organization. In addition, membership includes several additional benefits.

Priority Access and Member Discounts

Members receive priority access and discounted registration for IABA events, including the IABA National Summit and chapter-hosted programs. Registration discounts for the IABA National Summit and IABA chapter galas alone substantially offset the cost of membership.

IABA Newsletters and Updates

Membership includes a subscription to IABA newsletters and written updates, providing timely information about programming, initiatives, legal resources, and organizational developments.

Local Chapter Benefits

Members gain access to additional benefits offered by their local IABA chapter, which may include member-only events, networking opportunities, and region-specific programming.

Member Directory

Members have the option to be listed in the IABA member directory, increasing visibility within the community and helping colleagues and organizations identify members for professional connections and referrals.

GET MORE INVOLVED

In addition to membership, there are several ways to further support IABA's mission and contribute to its work, depending on interest, availability, and level of commitment.

Speak or Participate in Educational Programming

Share your legal expertise by speaking on webinars, panels, or other educational programs, contributing to IABA's commitment to substantive legal education.

Amplify IABA's Work

Support IABA by helping share and amplify its programs, resources, and announcements. Reposting IABA materials and updates through professional and social networks helps extend IABA's reach beyond its immediate membership.

Support Local Chapters

If there is a local chapter in your area, support IABA by promoting and attending local events and, if interested, applying to serve on the chapter's board. If there is no local chapter in the metropolitan area where you reside and there is demonstrated need, reach out to IABA to explore the possibility of creating a new chapter.

Provide Additional Financial Support

Further support IABA through individual donations or by facilitating law firm or organizational sponsorships.

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