State Bar of New Mexico
2004 Membership Survey

Please circle the response, or in some cases the responses, that best reflects your opinion.

1. What is your practice setting? (Top 8 Responses)
   - Sole practitioner- 28%
   - Government- 22%
   - Small firm (2-5) - 16%
   - Large firm (11+) - 14%
   - Medium firm (6-10) - 7%
   - Judiciary- 5%
   - In-house counsel- 4%
   - Legal aid/nonprofit- 3%

2. In which judicial district do you primarily practice?
   - First- 18%
   - Second- 48%
   - Third- 6%
   - Fourth- 1%
   - Fifth- 6%
   - Sixth- 2%
   - Seventh- 1%
   - Eighth- 2%
   - Ninth- 2%
   - Tenth- 1%
   - Eleventh- 3%
   - Twelfth- 1%
   - Thirteenth- 4%

3. In which of the following areas do you practice? (Top 16 Responses)
   - Torts/Pl/Property Damage-28%
   - Criminal- 24%
   - General Practice- 21%
   - Business/Corporations- 21%
   - Real Property/Landlord-Tenant- 18%
   - Family/Domestic Relations- 16%
   - Estate Planning/Taxation/Probate- 16%
   - Labor/Employment- 15%
   - Constitutional/Civil Rights- 14%
   - Bankruptcy/Debtor/Creditor- 10%
   - ADR/Mediation/Arbitration- 9%
   - Environ/ Nat.Resources- 9%
   - Government/Program Eligibility- 7%
   - Indian/Gaming- 5%
   - Workers' Compensation- 5%
   - Health- 4%

4. Who pays your annual dues?
   - Firm- 63%
   - Self- 37%

5. Who completes your annual dues statement?
   - Firm- 26%
   - Self- 74%

6. Do you know who represents you on the State Bar’s Board of Bar Commissioners?
   - Yes- 30%
   - No- 70%

7. Are you adequately informed of decisions made by the Board of Bar Commissioners regarding the State Bar?
   - Yes- 46%
   - No- 54%

8. Do you currently participate in any of the following voluntary bar organizations? (Top 11 Responses)
   - Albuquerque Bar Association- 16%
   - American Bar Association- 14%
   - NM Trial Lawyers- 12%
   - NM Defense Lawyers Association- 8%
   - NM Hispanic Bar- 6%
   - NM Criminal Defense Lawyers- 6%
   - NM Women’s Bar- 5%
   - National Hispanic Bar Association- 3%
   - NM Indian Bar- 3%
   - No Response- 44%
   - None/ no/ NA/ not sure- 3%

9. What factors influence your decision to join a voluntary bar organization? (Top 11 Responses)
   - Opportunity to advance- 27%
   - Knowledge- 52%
   - Amount of dues- 36%
   - Quality CLE programs- 36%
   - Networking opportunities- 35%
   - Membership services- 34%
   - Prestige of the association- 6%
   - Opportunity to advance the profession- 27%
   - CLE program discounts- 20%
   - Stay informed of bar activities- 13%
   - Public activities/programs- 10%
10. Do you feel that you get your money’s worth as a member of the State Bar of NM?
   Yes- 56%  No- 44%

11. Have you contacted the State Bar office in the last 6 months?
   Yes- 54%  No- 46%

12. What were your reasons for contacting the State Bar office? (Top 10 Responses)
   CLE question/issues/ info- 52%
   MCLE questions/issues/ correction-10%
   Use/schedule of bar facilities- 9%
   Attorney info/address change/ name change/member status info- 7%
   Committee meeting/ activities/information- 5%
   Info/Administration matters- 4%
   Referral program- 3%
   Advertising- 2%
   Dues/late fees/ fee waiver- 2%
   Section activity/ inquiry- 2%

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17. How do you prefer to be contacted by the State Bar of NM?
   E-mail with details- 46%
   Mail- 42%
   E-mail with link to Web site for details- 20%
   Fax- 6%

18. With which of the following State Bar activities have you participated, either previously or currently? (Top 9 Responses)
   Have not participated- 42%
   Section member- 25%
   Committee member- 25%
   Lawyer Referral for the Elderly- 16%
   Section officer- 13%
   YLD volunteer- 8%
   Public service volunteer- 8%
   Lawyers Care member- 7%
   Board of Bar Commissioners member- 3%

19. If you have not participated in State Bar activities, please indicate why.
   No time- 50%  No relevant opportunities- 35%  No interest- 21%
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65. Where do you receive information about State Bar programs, services and activities? (Top 6 Responses)

- Bar Bulletin- 98%
- Web site- 22%
- Colleagues- 15%
- Directory- 12%
- Contacting the bar- 8%
- E-mail- 5%

66. Do you read the Bar Bulletin?

- Always- 55%
- Usually- 34%
- Sometimes- 9%
- Never- 1%

67. What do you like best about the Bar Bulletin? (Top 11 Responses)

- Cases/ summaries- 38%
- Advance opinions/ courts opinions/ slip opinions- 27%
- Case law/ recent decisions- 8%
- CLE Calendar/ info/ offers- 7%
- Notices/ Announcements- 7%
- Changes and proposed changes in rules/ new rules/ law updates- 6%
- Classifieds/ want ads- 6%
- Well designed/ all of it/ broad range of content- 6%
- News/ up to date- 5%
- Employment Section- 4%
- Advertising- 4%

68. What types of stories, articles or features would you like to see more of in the Bar Bulletin? – Among those with an opinion (Top 7 Responses)

- Articles on new laws/ up to date/ addressing changes- 8%
- OK as is- 8%
- How to/ legal education/ practice pointers/ Dos and Dons- 7%
- Reports of cases/ case summaries- 8%
- Stories/ features on impact of particular cases- 4%
- Personal profiles of attorneys- 3%
- None- 24%
69. Would you prefer to receive the Bar Bulletin in an electronic format via e-mail instead of the printed and mailed version?

Printed and mailed version- 82%  
E-mail- 18%

70. How often do you visit the State Bar website?

Once or more a week- 3%  
Once every couple of weeks- 7%  
Once a month- 13%  
A few times a year- 50%  
Never- 27%

71. What types of information would you like to see more of on the website? (Top 10 Responses)

Nothing in particular/ fine as is- 22%  
CLE info/ calendar- 17%  
Forms- 9%  
Links to research site- 6%  
Att'y address/ phone updates/ profiles- 6%  
Practice aids/ management- 4%  
Activities/ calendar of events- 4%  
Legal research- 4%  
User friendly/ site map/ easier access- 3%  
Access to free statutes/ changes/ case law- 3%

72. Do you use a computer most days in your practice?

Yes- 95%  
No- 5%

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84. Do you favor an annual State Bar convention?

Yes- 53%  
No- 47%

85. Assuming there is an annual convention, would you prefer it be held in-state, out-of-state or either?

In-state- 64%  
Out-of-state- 5%  
Either- 31%

86. Would you prefer the annual convention be held during the...

Fall- 41%  
Winter- 11%  
Spring- 21%  
Summer- 28%

87. How many of the State Bar conventions have you attended in the past 5 years?

None- 70%  
One- 15%  
Two- 9%  
Three- 4%  
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To what extent are the following factors important to you in deciding whether to attend CLE programs?

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95. Are you in favor of a State Bar paid online legal research product similar to Lexis or Westlaw being made available at no cost or low cost to members?

Yes: 83%  No: 17%

96. Would you support a dues increase of $10 to $20 per year for online legal research?

Yes: 70%  No: 30%

97. Overall, do you believe the mandatory CLE course on attorney professionalism is valuable, or not?

Yes, valuable: 35%  No, not valuable: 65%

98. Do you believe the State Bar should be a voluntary organization, or not?

Voluntary: 42%  Not voluntary: 58%

99. Why do you feel this way? (Top 9 Responses)

- Helps maintain competency within profession/ quality: 17%
- Freedom to choose/ should be able to choose affiliations: 9%
- Some would never support/ be involved/ too many would leave: 9%
- Association is irrelevant/ does little for profession: 7%
- Lawyers need to be members: 6%
- Would create consistency through unity/ centralization: 6%
- Don't get much in return for money/ I pay: 5%
- Would promote professionalism/ ethical conduct/ collegiality: 5%
- Helps maintain accountability/ motivation to keep up: 4%

100. Do you believe making the State Bar voluntary would eliminate annual dues/licensing fees?

Yes: 15%  No: 85%

101. If the State Bar became a voluntary organization, you would still have to pay annual dues and licensing fees to practice. Would you prefer to pay your annual dues and licensing fees to...?

The Supreme Court: 87%  A state agency: 13%

102. If the State Bar became a voluntary organization and not required for licensure, would you pay a fee to join the State Bar in addition to your state licensing fee?

Yes: 35%  No: 28%  Depends: 36%

103. How long have you been a lawyer?

Less than 5 years: 14%  6-20 years: 14%  16-20 years: 14%  Over 20 years: 44%
104. Are you licensed to practice in any other states?

Yes- 36%  No- 64%
Texas- 28%
Colorado- 16%
California- 13%
Arizona- 9%
DC- 7%

105. Gender

Male- 63%  Female- 37%

106. Age

25 years or younger- less than 1%
26-35 years-17%
36-45 years- 20%
46-55 years- 34%
Over 55 years- 29%

107. Ethnicity

White (non-Hispanic) - 78%
Hispanic- 15%
Native American- 3%

Thank you for your participation!

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