

## Sections and Committees to Help Enhance Your Law Practice

### Resource 7

Review and discuss legal interest areas the State Bar of New Mexico offers within sections and committees in Resource 7. This will help you have a discussion about the sections and committees within the organized bar and the advantages of being involved in bar association sections and committees.

- Attend any meeting/event of a bar section or committee together (not a CLE program), and introduce the new lawyer to other lawyers in attendance at the event.
- Give the new lawyer examples of local, state, specialty and national bar sections and committees and discuss the differences between them. Examples:
  - *Local associations:* your county/city bar association, your judicial district bar association.
  - *State associations:* State Bar of New Mexico, Bar Association of the US District of New Mexico, New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Navajo Nation Bar Association, New Mexico Trial Lawyers, New Mexico Women's Bar Association, Oliver Seth Inns of Court.
  - *Specialty associations:* Hispanic Bar Association, Black Lawyers Association, Indian Bar Association, NM Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association.
  - *National associations:* American Bar Association, National Association of Bar Counsel, American Inns of Court.
- Where possible, provide the new lawyer with brochures or website links (see following page) to local, specialty or national sections and committees so that the new lawyer can review information about each as time permits.
- Share the sections and committees in which you are a member, why you choose to be involved in that group(s), the activities you are involved in with the group, and how involvement in the group(s) has benefitted you over the course of your career.
- Provide to the new lawyer examples of activities one can get involved in as member a section or committee. Discuss specific reasons why one would want to be involved in those activities.

## **Related Material on the State Bar of New Mexico Website Resource 7**

### **Committees**

[http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/AboutUs/Committees/Nmstatebar/About\\_Us/Committees.aspx?hkey=4880e08b-007e-49be-bba3-db2c85fe4019](http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/AboutUs/Committees/Nmstatebar/About_Us/Committees.aspx?hkey=4880e08b-007e-49be-bba3-db2c85fe4019)

### **Divisions**

[http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/AboutUs/Divisions/Nmstatebar/About\\_Us/Divisions.aspx?hkey=03e963eb-d195-4794-822c-2165c573a2ee](http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/AboutUs/Divisions/Nmstatebar/About_Us/Divisions.aspx?hkey=03e963eb-d195-4794-822c-2165c573a2ee)

### **Sections**

[http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/AboutUs/Sections/Nmstatebar/About\\_Us/Sections.aspx?hkey=67dfc575-41cc-4ed7-ada2-968217412b55](http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/AboutUs/Sections/Nmstatebar/About_Us/Sections.aspx?hkey=67dfc575-41cc-4ed7-ada2-968217412b55)

### **Bars & Legal Groups**

[http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/Membership/Bars\\_and\\_Legal\\_Groups/Nmstatebar/For\\_Members/Bars\\_and\\_Legal\\_Groups.aspx?hkey=cbd581c4-a72f-4163-96eb-abd999204557](http://www.nmbar.org/nmstatebar/Membership/Bars_and_Legal_Groups/Nmstatebar/For_Members/Bars_and_Legal_Groups.aspx?hkey=cbd581c4-a72f-4163-96eb-abd999204557)