



THE ADVOCATES' SOCIETY

Become A Member

British Columbia
Membership Application

Who Are We?

- We are the authoritative voice of advocates within the justice system.
- We attract members who are or aspire to be part of a community of best advocates.
- We are committed to being an organization that is diverse and inclusive.
- We are an organization that is committed to providing members of all levels of experience with opportunities for mentoring, networking and collegiality, including special opportunities for young advocates.
- We provide a dynamic platform for the discussion and exchange of ideas among members across regional boundaries.
- We focus on performance-based skills training and signature advocacy-education programs.
- We are committed to giving back to the community, including through pro bono services.
- We are committed to open, transparent, accountable and financially prudent governance of the Society which supports the achievement of our vision.



Good advocacy is a continuous learning exercise. Participation in the programs of The Advocates' Society provides the best opportunity for all lawyers wishing to enhance their written and oral advocacy skills. Membership enables practitioners to engage on a professional and collegial basis with members of the judiciary and the foremost advocates in Canada.

-The Honourable Marshall Rothstein C.C., Q.C.,
former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.



Why Join The Advocates' Society?

Learn. Teach. Connect. Give Back.

Be one of over 6,000 advocates across Canada who enjoy unsurpassed skills-based education, access to an experienced mentor network, inclusion in an active peer community who 'get' what you do, and the opportunity to knowledge-share with others. No matter what stage you are at in your career, if your passion and practice is litigation, a TAS membership offers the tools and community you need to build your best career.

Master the Art & Craft of Advocacy (and Save!)

The Advocates' Society is the premier provider of advocacy skills training in Canada with an innovative curriculum that features our signature "Learning by Doing" programs led by our trained faculty. Members always enjoy savings on TAS CLE.

Be Part of Our Strong Voice for Advocates

Your membership supports our important work in shaping the future of the profession. As the voice of advocates and the clients we serve, we are committed to a wide range of emerging issues, including access to justice, judicial appointments, judicial independence, and civility and professionalism – and we work hard to make an impact.

Help Shape the Next Generation of Great Advocates

Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your skills and experience with your peers, and we offer members opportunities to do just that. Help plan Practice Group events, mentor young advocates, teach skills, speak at a seminar or contribute to our publications. Your efforts will help better the profession and build your profile with your peers.

Get Collegial, Expand Your Network & Build Your Practice – Locally & Nationally

Our social events and Practice Group programs offer members the opportunity to connect with the bench and bar in informal settings. From casual pub nights to destination conferences, our events will get you connected with our growing community of like-minded advocates.

Enjoy Exclusive Access to TAS Publications

Members receive a complimentary subscription to The Advocates' Journal, our highly regarded quarterly publication that features updates and articles from leading legal professionals, and is a must-have for your law library.

Signature Events and Programs

Members can enjoy savings and exclusive opportunities to learn and connect with the bench and bar at our signature events and programs. From casual pub nights to gala dinners, or intimate advocacy skills workshops to major symposia, all of our events and programs are created to strengthen our community of like-minded advocates. Members can connect with their colleagues at signature events like these:



Vancouver Gala

Launched in February 2020, the inaugural Vancouver Gala for Advocates brought together over 200 advocates to enjoy an evening of collegiality with the bench and bar, and featured a keynote presentation from The Hon. Chief Justice Robert J. Bauman. The next Vancouver Gala is scheduled to take place in March 2023.



The Joe Arvay Award

The award honours an advocate in British Columbia who has made a significant contribution to advancing a claim or an area of the law under challenging circumstances. The award will be presented at the Vancouver Gala.



Signature CLE

TAS members always enjoy savings on our programs and major symposia, including Women in Litigation, and learning-by-doing CLE programs on core advocacy skills content like Direct Examinations. We have successfully pivoted our core content to interactive, virtual platforms to keep our members' skills sharp and offering access to more programs from across Canada.



Practice Groups

Members can connect with the bench and bar in their practice area through our 16 Practice Groups. From teleseminars to collegial gatherings and panel discussions, our Practice Groups offer Society members the chance to participate in practice-specific forums alongside their peers.



Young Advocates and 10+

Our Young Advocates' and 10+ Standing Committees run a variety of collegial events for advocates in their early to mid-years of practice, keeping our members connected with their peers. Some events on our BC calendar include Young Advocate socials, Student Big Mingles and Top Tips Panels, Fireside Chats with leaders of the profession and Business Development sessions for mid-career lawyers.



Your BC Regional Advisory Committee for 2022/23 are: Ludmila Herbst (Chair), Alexandra Mitretodis (Vice Chair), Kinji Bourchier, Sean Boyle (TAS Board of Directors), Angela Cao, Samantha Chang, Robert Deane, Brian Duong, Mike Feder, Craig Ferris, KC, Rose Keith, Elise Kohno, Aria Laskin, Tony Paisana, Jeff Robinson, Kate Saunders, Doug White, KC

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REGULAR MEMBERS: To qualify for regular membership, an individual must be a practising lawyer in good standing of a Law Society in a Province or Territory of Canada who has been called to the Bar for at least five years prior to admission to membership and whose principal occupation, representing a substantial portion of the total time such individual devotes to work, is advocacy in civil disputes, criminal proceedings, public law matters or administrative processes. The categories of regular membership are:

- Regular National Member:** (\$260 + GST): for those in private practice in BC
 - Government:** (\$170 + GST): for those in the employ of the Department of Justice, Provincial Ministry of the Attorney General or other government department.
 - Legal Aid:** (\$170 + GST): for those whose practice is comprised of at least 75% Legal Aid work.
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****JUNIOR MEMBERS:** To qualify for junior membership, an individual must be a lawyer in good standing of a Law Society in a Province or Territory of Canada who has been called to the Bar for less than five years and who expresses the intention of practicing advocacy as his or her principal occupation. The categories of Junior membership are:

- National Junior Member:** (\$215+ GST)
 - Government:** (\$170 + GST)
 - Legal Aid:** (\$170 + GST)
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****AFFILIATE MEMBERS:** To qualify for Affiliate membership, an individual must be:

- Judicial:** (\$170 + GST): a Justice, Master or Prothonotary of any court in Canada.
 - Professor:** (\$170 + GST): a professor of law at an accredited faculty of law in Canada whose work demonstrates a keen interest in advocacy consistent with the objects of the Corporation.
 - Student:** (\$25 + GST): a student at an accredited law school in Canada or be enrolled in the lawyer licensing process of a Province or Territory of Canada (including foreign-trained lawyers in the NCA process).
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**Junior and Affiliate Members shall not be entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at meetings of the members of the Corporation.

As an advocate my practice area(s) include (please note all applicable areas of practice so we can assign you to relevant Practice Groups:

Name: _____ Firm: _____
Tel: _____ Fax: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____
Postal Code: _____ Email: _____
Year of call 1: _____ Location/Province: _____
Year of call 2: _____ Location/Province: _____
Expected year of call (students): _____ Law school: _____
Law Society Membership Number: _____
Legal associations of which I am a member: _____

Membership Dues: Full membership fees will apply to members joining between January and June. Fees will be prorated by 50% for members joining between July and October. Members joining in November and December will not be charged for the remainder of the year but will be billed the full membership rate for following year. Membership dues are non-refundable.

PAYMENT:

Once membership is approved by the Board of Directors, please apply payment of \$ _____ to my Visa Mastercard
_____ Expiry: _____
Name on card: _____
Signature: _____

YES, please add me to the online membership directory.

YES, please add me to your email list to receive information and updates from The Advocates' Society.

How did you hear about us?

Firm Email Colleague
 Education Program/ Event Social Media Other (please specify): _____

I hereby certify that I meet the criteria for Regular Member or Junior Member or Affiliate Member (please check one). I understand that my application for membership is subject to the recommendation of the Membership Committee and to the approval of the Board of Directors. If approved as a member of The Advocates' Society, I will abide by its constitution and by-laws and the authority of the Board of Directors with respect to members. I also certify that I have read and will observe the "Principles of Civility for Advocates" and the "Principles of Professionalism for Advocates."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**For more information, please contact our Membership Department at:
membership@advocates.ca or 416-597-0243 Ext. 102.**

Please return the full application to:
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