



# New York State Bar Association

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Dear Colleague,

As chairs of the New York State Bar Association's (NYSBA) Membership Committee and Committee on Minorities in the Profession, we have a unique perspective on the value of NYSBA membership.

NYSBA is THE voice for New York attorneys, proudly representing our 76,000 members, from every state in the nation and 108 countries worldwide. NYSBA's voice is well known in legislative affairs, in the court system and within State government. We are a powerful voice not only for New York attorneys, but also for the profession nationally. We'd like you to be a part of our "voice," which will help to ensure that NYSBA speaks to the needs and interests of diverse attorneys.

And so, we invite you, as a member of a minority bar association, to **join NYSBA NOW through 2010—that's 18 months of membership for the 12 month rate (or, a 33 percent savings). Accepting this special offer is easy—simply fill out and send in the PDF application.**

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If you have any questions, please contact NYSBA Membership Services at 518.487.5577 or 800.582.2452, or [membership@nysba.org](mailto:membership@nysba.org). Or, you may contact either of us personally: Claire at 212.969.3421, or [cgutkunst@proskauer.com](mailto:cgutkunst@proskauer.com); or, Lillian at 518.689.6304, or [lmoy@lasnny.org](mailto:lmoy@lasnny.org). We would be happy to speak with you. **Thank you.**

Sincerely,

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