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RHODE ISLAND BAR ASSOCIATION

# BAR COMMITTEES

**ANIMAL LAW:** Provide a forum for members to exchange ideas, and consider and discuss the legal issues involved in human beings' relationship and coexistence with animals.

**ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING:** Study and arrange the Annual Meeting, Mid-Year and other general meetings of the Association.

**BAR JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD:** Work with the Editor-in-Chief, Editor and Assistant Editor on the Rhode Island Bar Journal including writing articles, columns and book reviews, and review and preparation of summaries of court decisions.

**BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS:** Review and discuss Rhode Island judicial decisions and statutes relating to business and non-profit organizations.

**CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:** Assist in the planning and administration of the Association's annual program of continuing legal education seminars for members of the Bar.

**CREDITORS' & DEBTORS' RIGHTS:** Monitor and evaluate judicial and non-judicial means of recognizing and/or modifying Creditors' and/or Debtors' rights.

**CRIMINAL LAW BENCH BAR:** Study and make recommendations concerning criminal practice and procedure in all of the courts of Rhode Island.

**DISTRICT COURT BENCH BAR:** Collaborate with the Court in improving facilities, practices, procedures, rules and any other matters of benefit to bench, bar and public.

**ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY LAW:** Study and make recommendations on practices and procedure relating to environmental and energy law and work toward the improvement of this area of law.

**ETHICS & PROFESSIONALISM:** Examine the practice of law in Rhode Island and recommend actions the Association can take to foster high standards of ethics and professionalism.

**FAMILY COURT BENCH BAR** Collaborate with the Court in improving facilities, practices, procedures, rules and any other matters of benefit to the bench/bar and public.

**FEDERAL COURT BENCH BAR:** Collaborate with the court in improving facilities, practice, procedures rules and any other matters of benefit to bench/bar and public.

**FEE ARBITRATION:** Resolve fee disputes between Bar members and their clients and/or between Bar members.

**GOVERNMENT LAWYERS:** Develop programs for government and public sector lawyers, and promote an understanding of government and public sector lawyers on the part of the Bar Association.

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**INSURANCE PROGRAMS:** Review and recommend programs of professional liability, health, life, accident and other insurance for members of the Association.

**LABOR LAW & EMPLOYMENT:** Study, report on and recommend laws that affect the employee and employer, both state and federal.

**LAWYERS HELPING LAWYERS:** Serve as a resource to our members needing assistance with a personal crisis. Surface and promote helpful resources regarding impairment related issues.

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER (LGBT) ISSUES:** Provide a forum for members of the LGBT legal community to exchange ideas and information of mutual concern and demonstrate the presence of members of the LGBT community in the law.

**NEW LAWYERS:** Surface and promote new programs and services to encourage diversity, and enhance opportunities and the professional development of newly admitted practitioners in Rhode Island.

**PROBATE & TRUST:** Study and make recommendations on legislation, practices and procedure relating to probate and trust and to work toward improvements.

**PUBLIC SERVICE INVOLVEMENT:** Make recommendations and review policies and procedures relating to the equal access to legal counsel for all citizens through the public service programs of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

**SUPERIOR COURT BENCH BAR:** Collaborate with the Court in improving facilities, practices, procedures, rules and any other matters of benefit to bench/bar and public.

**SUPREME COURT BENCH BAR:** Collaborate with the Court in improving facilities, practices, procedures, rules and any other matters of benefit to bench/bar and public.

**TECHNOLOGY IN THE PRACTICE:** Advise and assist Bar members in the use of technology in their practices with the goals of increasing the efficiency of the practice and the quality of legal services provided to the public.

**TITLE STANDARDS & PRACTICES:** Study and recommend establishment of title standards to improve the methods of recording, transferring and establishing titles to property.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENCH BAR:** Collaborate with the Court on improving facilities, practices, procedures and any other matters of benefit to bench/bar and public.

# Committees of the Rhode Island Bar Association 2015-2016 PREFERENCES

Even if you are presently on a committee we need you to reaffirm your willingness to participate for the year 2015-2016. More information on Bar Association Committees is available on our website at [www.ribar.com](http://www.ribar.com). Please place committee numbers below to indicate your preferences and scan and email the completed form no later than July 15, 2015 to: [kbridge@ribar.com](mailto:kbridge@ribar.com), or you may sign up through our website at [www.ribar.com](http://www.ribar.com).

**Questions? Please contact us at (401) 421-5740**

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I want to serve on committee number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (up to three only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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