



THE MISSISSIPPI BAR

Leadership Mississippi Bar

Why Should I Apply?

The Mississippi Bar seeks to serve the legal profession by preparing attorneys to be leaders in our profession and Bar, their communities, and our State. Through interactive classes, projects, and experiences, *Leadership Mississippi Bar* provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to become successful and meaningful leaders and manage leadership roles. Participants will meet and interact with prominent legal, community, and state leaders; develop leadership skills; explore longterm opportunities for leadership; and form a lifelong network of professional colleagues.

Who Should Apply?

Mississippi Bar members who have been in practice for 3 to 12 years based upon first admission to a state bar may apply. The selection process will be competitive based on submitted applications. Applicants should have a demonstrated leadership ability based on past accomplishments and current activities. No more than 30 lawyers will be selected each year.

How Does It Work?

The program will consist of five sessions in Jackson with tentative dates of September 16, November 5, January 13, February 3, and April 7. These sessions will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm including lunch, except for the January 13 session which will be 9:30 am to 3:00 pm; and three virtual sessions with tentative dates of October 7, December 2, and March 3 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. One excused absence is allowed. Applicants are encouraged to apply only if they expect to attend all sessions. Other requirements are as follows: attend one Young Lawyers Division Board meeting (in-person or virtually); serve as a judge for the YLD Mock Trial Competition; successfully complete a group project; and agree to serve on a Bar committee the following year.

What is the Cost?

The \$250 tuition fee for those selected to participate will be due by August 14, 2026. Payment plans and a limited amount of scholarships are available.

How Do I Apply?

Must apply as set forth in the application form and submit the following:

- a completed application form;
- a resume not to exceed two pages;
- one letter of recommendation; and
- a narrative summary not to exceed two pages double-spaced addressing why you should be selected as a participant in the *Leadership Mississippi Bar* Class and what you hope to gain from participation in *Leadership Mississippi Bar*.

Application packets must be emailed to EventsandPrograms@msbar.org and received by May 12, 2026.



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For more information, contact Chad Phillips at cphillips@msbar.org.

Name _____ Bar Number _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Year of First Bar Admission _____

Email _____

Area of Practice _____

Once selected, a \$250 tuition fee for each participant will be due by August 14, 2026. Payment plans and a limited amount of scholarships are available.

I understand the mission of *Leadership Mississippi Bar* and that attendance is mandatory. I will devote the time and energy necessary to make this a successful experience if I am selected.

Signature _____ Date _____