

# Introduction

In 1870, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York was founded to "sustain the profession in its proper position in the community, and thereby enable it . . . to promote the interests of the public." More than 135 years later, the Association continues to maintain the same professional and ethical traditions of civic duty.

With over 23,000 members and 160 committees, the Association reaches out to the community through various programs, activities, and resources. In keeping with our mission, we have prepared this brochure to assist the public in understanding the responsibilities of attorneys and judges, identifying the legitimate grievances, and seeking redress from appropriate agencies.

The Association, like the other bar associations around the state, participates in the mediation of disputes referred by disciplinary agencies. In addition, the members of the Association participate on committees which are dedicated to the improvement of the administration of justice. Much of their energy is spent in the development of public service projects like this brochure.

You can find the information within this pamphlet on our website at <http://www.nycbar.org/HowtoComplain/index.htm>.

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