

NAMWOLF Law Firm Membership Application



The National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firm's (NAMWOLF's) goal is to have a blend of minority and women-owned law firms, dispersed across the United States, representing a variety of corporate law expertise. NAMWOLF uses a detailed process to determine law firm admission and this vetting process can take several months. Law firm candidates must complete an extensive application and screening process prior to admittance to membership. Law firms must meet the following criteria before submitting their application for review.

CRITERION FOR ADMISSION:

Core Values:

EXCELLENCE

DIVERSITY

PARTNERSHIP

COMMITMENT

PASSION

- Certification as a minority or women-owned, operated, managed and controlled (51% or more) law firm. **Must be certified by either:**
 - National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)
 - Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)
- Excellence in quality of law practiced, as evidenced by:
 - Awards
 - Corporate References
 - Organization Memberships
 - Presence on outside counsel approved lists and panels for national or regional corporations
- Favorable client references from national and regional corporations, including corporate references within the Fortune 500.
- Law firm Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ (4.5-5.0) Peer Review rating.
- Three or more full-time attorneys in the firm.
- Headquartered in the U.S. or Puerto Rico.
- Sufficient practice liability insurance (minimum of \$2 million).

NAMWOLF staff performs extensive research on each perspective law firm member. **A \$100 nonrefundable processing fee is due at the time of submission.** This fee shall be applied to initial dues payment upon admission into NAMWOLF. Once applications are complete, the Admissions & Law Firm Membership Criteria Committee will review the firm's materials and make a recommendation regarding membership to the Board of Directors, with whom the final decision rests. Decisions for membership generally take between 6 and 9 months, based on the application.

NAMWOLF LAW FIRM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CONTACT NAME:	
LAW FIRM:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	STATE:
ZIP:	COUNTRY:
TELEPHONE:	FAX:
EMAIL:	WEBSITE:
OTHER OFFICES AND ADDRESSES (INCLUDE TELEPHONE NUMBER)	

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Type of ownership (sole proprietor, partnership, corporation): _____

President/Owner/Partners (Please list names and titles):

Number of full time attorneys in your firm: _____

Firm's Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: _____

Type of Firm (minority-owned, women-owned): _____ (Attach a copy of your NMSDC or WBENC certification)

Practice Liability Insurance Carrier: _____ (Attach endorsement letter describing the amount and type of malpractice insurance your firm carries).

Languages spoken (conversantly) by members of the firm: _____

CORPORATE REFERENCES

Three corporate references (Fortune 500, Fortune 1000 companies) from assignments performed within the last two years.

COMPANY NAME:
CONTACT PERSON & TITLE:
PHONE NUMBER:

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PHONE NUMBER:

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PHONE NUMBER:

FIRM CHARACTER: (Please attach additional pages if necessary)

1. Are you, your firm, or any member of your firm listed on the approved counsel list for a national corporation? Please list.

2. Are you, your firm, or any member of your firm listed on the approved counsel list for A regional corporation? An insurance carrier? Please list.

3. Are you, your firm, or any member of your firm concentrating in a specific practice area?
Please describe.

4. Are you, your firm, or any member of your firm members of specific legal trade associations?
Please list.

5. List other information about your firm, or a member of your firm that would assist us in determining your qualifications for membership, including any judicial appointments, published cases, participation of statutory development or any matter.

6. Have you, your firm, or any of your firm members been subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension or disbarment by any state or Federal Bar? If yes, Please explain.

PLEASE RECORD THE PRACTICE AREAS THAT YOUR FIRM CAN PROVIDE ON THE NEXT PAGE
BAR PRACTICE AREAS

Please put a check mark next to the practice areas that your firm can provide.
 Firms with **3 - 20** attorneys please limit your choices to your top **three** practice areas.
 Firms with **20 – 40** attorneys please limit your choices to your top **six** practice areas.
 Firms with **40 and over** attorneys please limit your choices to your top **eight** practice areas.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intellectual Property Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admiralty/Maritime Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	International Business Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Antitrust Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	International Trade Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appellate Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Labor and Employment Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Use Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aviation Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Banking Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Practice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bankruptcy Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Malpractice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mergers and Acquisitions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Trial Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal and Zoning Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Bond/Public Authority Financing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Resources Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonprofit and Tax Exempt Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oil and Gas Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitutional Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnership Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patent Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copyright Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pension and Profit Sharing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Injury
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creditors' Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Product Liability Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal Trial Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Liability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Utilities Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elder Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Real Estate Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eminent Domain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Securities Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment Benefits Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports and Entertainment Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telecommunications Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Franchise Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toxic Torts
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Secret Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trademark Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Care Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immigration and Naturalization	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trusts and Estates, Wills and Probate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance Defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workers Compensation Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Resources & Contact Information:

National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF):



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Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings Services:



LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
121 Chanlon Road
New Providence, NJ 07974
Phone: 800-526-4902 ext. 8000
Fax: 908-790-2170
Email: ratings@martindale.com
www.martindale.com

National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC):



1359 Broadway, Tenth Floor
New York, New York 10018
Tel: 212- 944-2430
Email:
www.nmsdc.org

Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC):



1120 Connecticut Avenue,
Suite 1000
NW Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-872-5515
Fax: 202-872-5505
Email: support@wbenc.org
www.wbenc.org

NAMWOLF Law Firm Member Expectations and Requirements:

- Pay Invoices within 30 days (Annual dues, Initiative dues, Meeting registration costs, etc.)
- In-person attendance at a minimum of one (1) national meeting per year (Annual or Business).
- Annually provide proof of renewed NMSDC or WBENC certification and Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ (4.5-5.0) Peer Review rating to Law Firm Membership Coordinator.

By signing below, I and the applied law firm, agree to follow the above mentioned expectations and requirements. I understand that failing to comply may result in membership termination.

SIGNATURE

I, _____, of _____ Law Firm hereby swear and state as follows:

I hereby authorize The National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) to investigate the information set forth in this application.

I am authorized to make representations on behalf of _____ (Law Firm).
_____ Law Firm is primarily owned, operated, managed and controlled by minorities or women.

I hereby certify under penalties of perjury that the information provided is correct.

Type or Print Name of Authorized Partner or Member

Name (Type or Print) of Authorized Partner or Member

Date

Signature of Authorized Partner or Member

Date

Please send completed applications and nonrefundable processing fee to:

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