



Dear Colleague:

Among the benefits of membership in the New York Criminal Bar Association (“NYCBA”) are free access to our website (www.nycrimbar.org), which has an extraordinary collection of resources for criminal defense lawyers practicing in the NYC metropolitan area. For example, we have collected, and update on a regular basis, hundreds of invaluable telephone and fax numbers that enable our members to contact judges, police precincts, arraignment clerks, correction officers and others who typically are so difficult to locate in the “system.”

NYCBA members also have free access to two web sites maintained by “Punch and Jurists”, the acclaimed Internet resource for federal criminal law:

- 1) www.ussguide.com, a comprehensive collection of legal resources relating to the federal Sentencing Guidelines, including a special section on the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *U.S. v. Booker* which is updated daily and contains a Circuit-by-Circuit list of lower court decisions, as well as articles, memoranda and briefs, and
- 2) www.fedcrimlaw.com, which has a series of “search engines” for a database with more than 10,000 federal criminal cases, including full text and detailed analyses of more than 1,000 Supreme Court cases.

Through the Punch and Jurists sites, members can also access (a) all the Second Circuit case summaries prepared by Richard Levitt since 1988, plus the full text of these cases since 1995, and (b) Punch and Jurist’s weekly newsletter, featuring the latest and most significant new cases in federal criminal law (available, at your option, by weekly email).

Other benefits of NYCBA membership include:

- 1) CLE programs, presently free to members (except at times for cost of materials and administrative expenses), which are geared to practicing criminal defense lawyers, such as the “Ethics Update for Criminal Defense Lawyers” on 5/23/06, Richard Ware Levitt’s annual review of Second Circuit cases (expected to held later this year), Justice James Yates’ review of recent N.Y. Court of Appeals decisions (to be scheduled),

and Prof. Leon Friedman's annual review of U.S. Supreme Court cases (expected to be held in the Fall),

2) our email newsletter (issued about once a month),

3) reduced price for our 6/5/06 annual dinner at the Tavern on the Green (with a spectacular outdoor reception, weather permitting),

4) use of our room at 100 Centre St., and

5) the opportunity to make a difference by serving on committees, writing amicus briefs and reports, and speaking on behalf of a criminal defense bar association which is not inhibited by the need to achieve consensus with prosecutors and judges.

To become an NYCBA member, please send the enclosed membership application form with your dues payment of \$100 to our Treasurer, Michael K. Bachrach, 1040 Ave. of the Americas, 24th floor, NY NY 10018, tel (212) 382-4621, fax (866) 328-1630, email mbach2000@yahoo.com. Payment may be made by check or credit card.

I hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

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