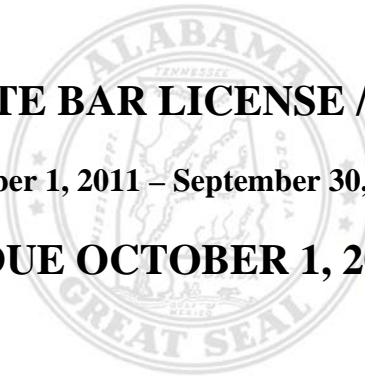


# ALABAMA STATE BAR LICENSE / DUES INVOICE

October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012

**\*DUE OCTOBER 1, 2011 \***



**Make address changes/corrections here:**

## CHECK ONE AND REMIT CORRECT AMOUNT

\_\_\_\_\_ **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE: \$300.00**  
(§40-12-49(a), *Code of Alabama*, 1975, as amended: An attorney who engages  
in the practice of law is required to purchase an occupational license.)  
(The practice of law is defined in §34-3-6, *Code of Alabama*, 1975, as amended.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE: \$345.00**  
**if payment is received after October 31.**  
(§40-12-49(b), *Code of Alabama*, 1975, as amended.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$150.00**  
(§§34-3-17 & 18, *Code of Alabama*, 1975, as amended: An attorney NOT  
engaged in the active practice of law in Alabama may pay special membership  
dues to remain a member in good standing. Those exempt from licensing by  
virtue of a position held, i.e., judges, attorneys general, U.S. attorneys, etc. also  
qualify for special memberships.)  
(There is no late payment penalty on special memberships.)

BAR ID NUMBER

PHYSICAL LOCATION:  
(if different from mailing address)

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are employed as a  
District Attorney, Public Defender or Deputy Attorney  
General. (§34-3-17, *Code of Alabama*, 1975, as amended.)

(Fold at perforation and tear)

**RETAIN BOTTOM PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REMITTING PAYMENT**

Return top portion of invoice with payment to the Alabama State Bar,  
P. O. Box 671, Montgomery, AL 36101.

Checks should be made payable to the Alabama State Bar.

A \$30.00 fee will be charged for all returned checks.

Firms paying for multiple attorneys: Payments for occupational licenses  
may be combined on one check; Payments for special memberships  
may be combined on one check. Payments for occupational licenses  
MAY NOT be combined with payments for special memberships.

Payments may be made online by credit card or e-check between  
September 6 and December 31 at [www.alabar.org](http://www.alabar.org).

All address changes/corrections should be printed clearly on the top  
portion of this invoice and returned with the appropriate payment, or  
submitted online at [www.alabar.org](http://www.alabar.org).

Alabama State Bar Federal Taxpayer ID Number is 63-6000619  
(for payment purposes only).

For state agencies: Vendor Number is AGCY3050008

No refunds will be issued after December 31, 2011.

Attorneys who have not paid the proper fees/dues by November 1 will  
be placed on Inactive status. Those on Inactive status are not considered  
to be in good standing. (§40-12-49(a), *Code of Alabama*, 1975, as  
amended.)

**BAR ID NUMBER**

**NAME OF ATTORNEY**

## **INACTIVE STATUS**

An attorney who chooses not to purchase an occupational license or pay special membership dues will be removed from the Alabama State Bar roll of attorneys in good standing

**Please place me on INACTIVE STATUS.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MCLE Rule 2.C.** An attorney who has not engaged in the private practice of law, or who has held a Special Membership, for a period in excess of one (1) year, shall be required to complete an equivalent number of MCLE hours, up to a maximum of 24 MCLE hours, prior to being authorized to resume the active practice of law. (Adopted by the Supreme Court of Alabama, \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.)

(The foregoing is subject to any applicable exemption set forth in MCLE Rule 2.)

Current membership status and payment information are available at [www.alabar.org](http://www.alabar.org)

Questions regarding membership should be directed to Membership Services at (334) 269-1515 or 1-800-354-6154 (in-state WATS) or [ms@alabar.org](mailto:ms@alabar.org).

## **NEW MCLE RULE FOR INACTIVE AND SPECIAL MEMBERS TO TAKE EFFECT IN 2012**

In 2010, ASB President Alyce Spruell appointed a Task Force to evaluate whether a rule change should be proposed to require a bar member returning from an inactive or special member status, or from a suspension or a disbarment, to obtain a minimum number of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education hours prior to being re-licensed. In response to the Task Force's stated goal of ensuring, to the extent possible, that an attorney is able to provide competent and professional legal services upon his or her return to the active practice of law, the ASB Board of Bar Commissioners adopted the following rule on March 25, 2011:

***2.C. An attorney who has not engaged in the private practice of law, or who has held a Special Membership, for a period in excess of one (1) year, shall be required to complete an equivalent number of MCLE hours, up to a maximum of 24 MCLE hours, prior to being authorized to resume the active practice of law.***

This proposed new rule is currently pending before the Alabama Supreme Court and passage is expected in the very near future. 27 other jurisdictions have a rule similar to this.

This new rule will not affect Special Members who are subject to the existing exemptions set forth in MCLE Rule 2 (law clerks, attorneys holding public office, and members of the military) or Special Members who are able to claim the exemption provided under MCLE Regulation 2.7 (out of state attorneys who are in MCLE compliance in their home state).

If you are currently a Special Member, or anticipate becoming a Special Member during the 2011-2012 licensing year, you may wish to take this pending new rule into consideration when making your choice of membership status. This will be the only notice you will receive to change your status before enforcement of the new rule begins in 2012.