

**2021 – 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(September 2021 - August 2022)**

Please return this completed form and check to: Law Office of Joseph Sulman
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You **must** answer “Yes” to either question 1 or 2 to be eligible for MELA membership. You must complete both pages of this application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

1. ____ I accurately certify that **at least 66% or more** of my employment practice consists of representation of employees, **and** I affirm my commitment to safeguarding and advancing the legal rights of individual employees and promoting the interests of lawyers who advocate for equality and justice in the American workplace; **OR**
2. ____ The criteria in the statement above does not apply to me, but I subscribe to MELA’s purpose of advancing the rights of individual employees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and certify that my work does not involve legal representation on behalf of management.

Please send in Completed Form **with check payable to MELA** (or online payment option on website).

Membership Type – Check Applicable Box(es)	Dues	Amt. Encl.
<input type="checkbox"/> Law Students (law student members do not have access to MELA microsite)	\$ 25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Introductory Rate for Affinity Bar Members (New, first-time members who are members of an affinity bar association, list on page 2)	\$50.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Introductory Rate (New, first-time members only)	\$ 95.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Services Practitioners	\$ 95.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyers in Practice Under 5 Years OR Solo Practitioners in First 2 Years as Solo*	\$145.00*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyers in Practice Over 5 Years*	\$215.00*	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to Sponsor a New Member . Please send notice of my sponsorship and an application to: Name: _____ Email: _____	\$ 95.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to make a Voluntary Contribution** of \$_____		\$50.00 or \$_____ (voluntary)
Total Amount Enclosed		\$_____

* Members of Affinity Bar Associations are entitled to a 50% discount.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and would like to be considered for reduced membership rates, please contact Treasurer, Joseph Sulman, at jsulman@sulmanlaw.com.

****** Roughly 90% of MELA's dues support its lobbying efforts. Any voluntary contributions will help MELA continue funding these efforts. Unless otherwise indicated, any voluntary contributions will be treated as donations to be used towards lobbying.

Affinity Bar Associations (as defined by the Boston Bar Association):

- Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Region I
- Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys
- Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association
- Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys
- Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association
- South Asian Bar Association of Greater Boston

Please complete the section below with your contact information.

NAME: _____

FIRM: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE: _____

All of the statements in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby promise to abide by any code, role, policy, or procedure as may be adopted by the MELA Executive Committee from time to time, including the enclosed Listserv/Discussion Group Code of Conduct.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

NOTICE: As a reminder to members, access to and use of the MELA microsite resources, including document libraries and the discussion group, are subject to the Code of Conduct as posted on the microsite. By using the microsite, you agree to abide by the enclosed Code of Conduct, also available here: <https://www.massnela.org/code-of-conduct>.

Failure to complete this form in its entirety, including signature and date, may result in a rejection of the membership application.

Information on joining National NELA can be found at www.nela.org