



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. ***Voir Dire.*** Our award winning national publication is published 4 times per year. It is America's most erudite accumulation of writings dedicated to the preservation of our Seventh Amendment liberties and the perpetuation of ABOTA's shared principles of idealism, professional virtue, and public service.
2. ***President's Report.*** Our newsletter provides the accumulating insight of a year's full-time dedication to serving the interests of ABOTA's diverse membership across a national landscape of similarly diverse challenges and itineraries. The newsletter is a quickly available forum for chapter news, publications, promotions and pronouncements of every member's accomplishments towards our cherished preservation of the Seventh Amendment.
3. ***National Membership Roster.*** A useful handbook for immediate connection among those ladies and gentlemen whose professional careers have produced an elevated reputation of public respect and personal standards of unselfish excellence.
4. **Full and immediate access** to a half century of ABOTA work product and organizational progression.
5. The **American Civil Trial Bar Roundtable** meets twice annually. It articulates a broad based consensus among the leadership of America's Civil trial bar and is sponsored by ABOTA.
6. **Code of Professionalism.** A mentor's listing of the ethical and professional requirements of our profession's better instincts. It is an appropriate framing for every office and place of focused litigation preparation.
7. **Juror Bill of Rights.** A code for the maintenance of the independence and integrity of the jury system itself.
8. **Protocol for Responding to Unfair Criticism of Judges.** In a world where judicial independence is more frequently under attack, the American Board of Trial Advocates has established a responsive methodology to defend the Third Branch of Government against the age old demons of ignorance, prejudice, and political intrigue.

9. **Outlines and Protocols for Local Chapters.** The National Office has available templates for newspaper/magazine jury appreciation announcements and recognitions together with materials and suggestions for local chapter activities.
10. The **Seventh Amendment Summit** was held for the first time in 2005 during the presidency of Donna D. Melby and has opened the door to a continuing dialogue of effective measures and practical steps to further our commitment to Seventh Amendment. The National Office has available copies of the talking papers and articles from the Summit, which each chapter may access as it particularizes its own activities in furtherance of the Summit's ambitions.
11. Each member is a part of the **ABOTA Foundation**, which is America's only educational foundation dedicated solely to public awareness about the Seventh Amendment. The Foundation's Youth Education Program and its Masters in Trial demonstrations spread this message to thousands of students and trial seminar attendees each year. As a Founding "Patriot" of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, the ABOTA Foundation is at the forefront of documenting its perpetual commitment to our Constitutional Democracy.
12. The **Legislative Analysis Fund**. This account is sustained by members' voluntary contributions and funds the American Civil Trial Bar Roundtable and the consulting fees of Mr. Will Edington, who maintains ABOTA's presence at the highest legislative levels in Washington, D.C. Mr. Edington provides immediate and incisive reports to every LAF contributor as matters affecting ABOTA's resolutions are the subject of legislative debate and action.
13. The **National President** is always available to respond to your chapter's invitation to share in your chapter's efforts to honor our past by preserving our future. Your **National Officers** and staff at the **National Office** in Dallas know that we live in quickening and threatening times where the Seventh Amendment is at proximate risk of destruction. The honor of being a member of ABOTA is a call to active participation.

Towards these mutual efforts, we ask for your help. If the strongest and most successful among us are too preoccupied to serve; then the American public and its posterity are diminished in their democracy and in their future's hope. All parties to an orderly and civil resolution of litigation disputes should have a role in the selection of those who ultimately determine the facts from a common and diverse background of normal and common human experience. It is only in the society of America's jurisprudence that the rich and poor alike sit on the same front row of equal protection and equal access to justice. The American Jury administers that justice in the purest form of contemporary Democracy. Please join us as we proclaim that truth and lend your vitality to the vigor of our efforts and goals.

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2008 National President