

## Corporate Law Department Membership Guidelines

A law department with 5 or more attorneys may register under Plan A or Plan B

**(Plan B is not available to departments with 50 or more attorneys.)**

A law department with fewer than 5, but more than 1 attorney may register under Plan A or Plan C.

### Plan A: Full Corporate Membership

A Full Corporate Membership requires that all attorneys in the law department be registered and paid for at the beginning of the membership term which runs from October 1st through September 30th. At least one of the attorneys must be listed as a Proprietor for all the members of the law department to have circulation privileges. Paralegals and clerks are registered at no additional charge as long as their total number does not exceed the total number of attorneys registered and paid for.

Once the dues for the term has been paid, new attorneys who join the law department may be added to the membership list at no additional charge for the remainder of the term. A full firm that removes a member from its membership roster at the end of a fiscal year and subsequently adds that same former member during the following fiscal year will be billed the full annual amount for that member.

Full Corporate Members are allowed to call and reserve materials for messenger pick-up. Full Corporate Members place Copy Center orders at the regular fees. *(Limited Corporate members are assessed a \$10.00 surcharge per order.)*

### Plan B: Limited Corporate Membership

A Limited Corporate Membership requires that 75% of all attorneys in the law department be registered and paid for at the beginning of the membership term. **Plan B is not available to accounts with 50 or more attorneys.** At least one of the attorneys must be listed as a Proprietor for all the Library members at the law department to have circulation privileges. Paralegals and clerks may be registered at an additional charge but their total number must not exceed the total number of attorneys listed.

Throughout the term, new attorneys, paralegals and clerks who join the law department may be added to the membership list for the current membership fee for the remainder of the term.

Limited Corporate Members cannot call and reserve materials for messenger pick-up. When Limited Corporate Members place Copy Center orders they pay the regular fees as well as a \$10.00 surcharge per order.

### Plan C: Less Than 5 Membership

A Less Than 5 Membership allows a small law department to register and pay for as many attorneys as it would like listed. At least one of the attorneys must be listed as a Proprietor for all the Library members at the law department to have circulation privileges. Paralegals and clerks may be registered at an additional charge but their total number must not exceed the total number of attorneys listed.

Throughout the term, new attorneys, paralegals and clerks who join the law department may be added to the membership list for the current membership fee for the remainder of the term.

Less Than 5 Members can call and reserve materials for messenger pick-up for a fee of \$10.00 per book. Less Than 5 Members may place Copy Center orders and pay the regular fees without an additional surcharge.

### **CATEGORIES:**

Please note that every membership must include a Proprietor or Subscriber. Registration forms which list only Paralegals or Clerks will not be accepted.

### **PROPRIETOR:**

A Proprietor membership is required in order to circulate materials from the Library. The one-time Proprietor Initiation Fee of \$50.00 is paid the first year a Proprietor joins the Library. Each year thereafter, the Proprietor is responsible for the annual dues to keep the membership current. Proprietor status is not transferable.

### **SUBSCRIBER:**

Attorneys must register as either Proprietors or Subscribers. A Subscriber membership allows the use of the resources of the Library but does not include circulation privileges unless the law department has a Proprietor listed.

### **PARALEGAL:**

Corporate members are allowed to register paralegals on their membership list for the appropriate fee. Individuals who have taken the bar exam cannot be listed under this category. They must be listed as either Proprietors or Subscribers.

### **CLERK:**

Corporate members are allowed to register 12 month Clerks or 3 month Clerks on their membership list for the appropriate fee. Individuals who have taken the bar exam cannot be listed under this category. They must be listed as either Proprietors or Subscribers.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Membership privileges are not transferable and there are no credits or refunds issued. Please notify the Membership Office of all cancellations and additions to your membership.

Notwithstanding these Corporate Law Department Membership Guidelines, the Executive Director, in the exercise of the authority vested in him or her under Sections 1.6 and 5.3 of the Bylaws of the Proprietors of the Social Law Library (2009), may in his or her sole discretion, authorize the admission of an individual member of a corporate law department to membership in the Library, subject to such terms and conditions as the Trustees may establish from time to time, when in the judgment of the Executive Director such action would be in the best interests of the Library.