



**Rensselaer County Bar Association**  
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**Michael J. Derevlany, President**

Dear Rensselaer County Bar Association Member,

At this time each year, you usually hear from the Rensselaer County Bar Association Treasurer, saying that it is time to renew your membership and pay your dues. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in various and unprecedented ways in 2020. As a bar association, we were unable to offer most of our usual annual events, CLE programs and activities. At the same time, our members have stood up during the pandemic, and continued to provide access to justice for all. Due to the consistent dedication and participation of our members, and good financial management by the Executive Committee, we have made the decision to ***waive all membership dues for all members in 2021.***

We hope that this news will allow ***all*** to remain members of the Rensselaer County Bar Association. Our members give the RCBA its purpose, meaning and value. Without you, our mission cannot be achieved.

We invite you to ask a colleague to join the RCBA at this time as well. ***New members will also enjoy a year of free membership.***

To continue your membership, please complete the form below, and either mail it to RCBA, P.O. Box 395, Troy, NY 12181, or e-mail it to [info@renscobar.org](mailto:info@renscobar.org).

Also enclosed is a letter from the RCBA President, along with a membership application for new members. We hope that you, your families and loved ones are safe and healthy. Our very best thoughts are with you.

Very truly yours,

Jaime B. Thomas, Esq.  
RCBA Treasurer 2020-2021

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleague recruited: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Rensselaer County Bar Association Member,

I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy during this time of uncertainty.

In a normal year I would be letting you know about the events that we have planned for the next 12 months. Obviously, these are not normal times and it is unclear when we will be able to fully resume in-person events. While I am hopeful that things may normalize as early as June of 2021, in time for our annual meeting, it seems clear that any events we hold prior to that time will be virtual in nature. The Executive Committee is still exploring if that is possible and what that may entail.

One of the benefits we will continue to provide is Continuing Legal Education. With current circumstances preventing our traditional live presentations, we will be adapting and presenting CLE in other formats, stay tuned for further details. As it has been in the past, CLE will remain free to our members, regardless of the format.

To our colleagues who are not yet members, I would say that bar membership offers more than just CLE. It also offers more than just networking and the improved career prospects that networking entails. It offers the chance to mingle with colleagues and to connect in ways that would not normally be available. And it provides an unparalleled resource in the ability to tap into the collective knowledge of the membership when a particularly thorny issue arises.

The Rensselaer County Bar Association was organized in 1901 and is dedicated to its mission of serving members of the bench, bar and community of Rensselaer County, New York. Our membership includes attorneys and judges from Rensselaer County and surrounding area counties. More information is available at our website, [www.renscobar.org](http://www.renscobar.org). You will find news and updates of interest to you posted there regularly.

Please renew today. And don't forget - dues are waived for 2021, our 120th year.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Derevlany  
President, Rensselaer County Bar Association