

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Georgia Diversity Program?

Established in 1993 by Charles Lester, Jr. and the Hon. Marvin Arrington, the mission of the State Bar of Georgia Diversity Program (GDP) is:

- To create a program of inclusion throughout the State of Georgia that encourages minority and majority attorneys to work together as counsel on legal matters, and
- To increase the opportunities for attorneys in the assignment of corporate legal work that require diverse legal teams by implementing cooperative working relationships among corporate counsel, governmental entities, majority-owned firms and minority-owned law firms.

The Program includes both majority and minority owned law firms, sole practitioners and corporations. In addition to CLE Conferences and Luncheons held annually, GDP hosts receptions, workshops, and seminars throughout the year to provide a forum for addressing diversity and related issues in law firms, corporations and government. GDP events also provide networking opportunities for the attorneys and consumers of legal services participating in the Program.

How do I join?

By paying annual dues, which is the primary funding source for the Georgia Diversity Program. Funding is also generated by events held throughout the year.

ANNUAL DUES FOR FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Corporations and firms with 30 or more attorneys: \$1,500
- Firms with 29 –10 attorneys: \$800
- Firms with 9 – 2 attorneys: \$350
- Solo practitioners: \$150

What are the responsibilities of the members?

The members are expected to donate their time, talents and resources to ensure the success of the program's planned activities throughout each Bar year.

What is the Georgia Diversity Program Committee?

It is the program's oversight committee. It meets every other month, and members take turns hosting the meetings. You can find the committee's roster and a schedule of the meetings on this site.

Who do I contact for further information or if I wish to join the program?

Contact the Executive Director, Marian Cover Dockery, as follows:

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