

NLADA's Member Sections Focused on Diversity & Inclusion

Consider joining one of our Member Sections that focuses on advocacy by and for diverse communities! You do not need to be a member of these communities to join – all are welcome.

Latino Advocates (Civil and Defender)

The Latino Advocates Section focuses on national legal and regulatory issues that affect low-income Latinos, including the intersection of race, ethnicity, and poverty. It also addresses substantive law issues of critical importance to Latino communities, such as immigration, education, and labor; it also offers support to Latino staff through networking, peer mentoring, training, and other appropriate mechanisms. Clients, attorneys, and staff are all welcome to join and you do not need to speak Spanish.

Cost: \$25

How to join: Add a Latino Advocates Section to your Individual Membership application.

Questions? Contact membership@nlada.org.

Native American Law (Civil and Defender)

The Native American Section focuses on the unique cultural problems affecting the delivery of legal services to Native American Indians. The section, working closely with the National Association of Indian Legal Services (NAILS), develops systems to provide effective legal services to Native Americans living on and off reservations. The section provides technical assistance to offices that deliver legal services to Native Americans.

Cost: \$5

How to join: Add a Native American Law Section to your Individual Membership application.

Questions? Contact membership@nlada.org.

Black Public Defender Association (Defender)

The Black Public Defender Association (BPDA) is a new section within the NLADA defender community, and it is dedicated to the recruitment, support and development of Black defenders that advocate on behalf of indigent populations in the legal system. We recognize the extreme over-representation of low-income Black people in the legal system, and the under-representation of Black advocates in the public defense profession. Our goal is to promote diversity and inclusion within the public defender community.

Cost: \$50

How to join: Add a Black Public Defender Association Section to your Individual Membership application.

Questions? Contact membership@nlada.org.

African American Project Directors Association (AAPDA) Pipeline Program (Civil)

AAPDA is an association of project directors and deputy directors of color who work in legal services. Our mission is to promote the recruitment, support, development and retention of racial and ethnic minorities in leadership positions in the equal justice community. We are committed to nurturing a pipeline of lawyers of color in legal services programs who might someday get our jobs.

If you are interested in joining one of our circles of support for mid-level or managers or senior staff attorneys, please email lmoy@lasunny.org or thomas@midpenn.org. We want to get to know you and offer support as we can. We look forward to hearing from you.

Note: AAPDA is not a Member Section of NLADA, but meets regularly at NLADA conferences.

Client members may be eligible for additional Section benefits – please contact membership@nlada.org for more information.