

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**DUES & COURT FEES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**What Are the Qualifications & Application Procedures?**

Any member of NHBA may apply for partial or full dues assistance for NHBA dues and mandatory Court fees.

The dues and Court fees assistance application form asks applicants to certify that payment of dues and Court fees would pose a serious financial hardship for them. Examples of hardship include but are not limited to unemployment, costly medical problems and other serious financial issues. In addition to the application NHBA may request additional or supporting information. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL and the information will not be shared outside the decision making process.

**What is the deadline date for applying?**

The Dues & Court Fees Assistance Application form must be submitted to the Bar Association within 30 days of receiving a second dues invoice. This applies to the annual dues mailings in June and to those dues invoices mailed to new admittees at other times during the year.

**How Much Will NHBA Dues and Court Fees Be Reduced?**

Upon receipt of an annual dues invoice, applicants request the percentage of dues and Court fees they seek to be waived, at levels of 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. If 100% of dues and Court fees are waived there is a minimum charge of \$20 to help cover administrative costs.

**How Long May One Receive Dues & Court Fees Assistance?**

Assistance is granted for a one-year period only. Each year in June, the member will receive an invoice at the full NHBA dues rate. If there is still a financial hardship that necessitates dues and Court fees assistance, members need to re-apply through the same procedures. A dues and Court fees reduction of 100% is granted for **one year only**; up to 75% may be granted for a second consecutive year and up to 50% may be granted for a third consecutive year. No more than 3 waivers, in a 5 year period, will be considered unless otherwise waived by the Board of Governors.

**Benefits & Section Dues Affected?**

Reducing a portion or all of dues and Court fees will not affect membership benefits, as applicants are entitled to the same full benefits as any other member. Section dues, however, are not eligible under the NHBA Dues & Court Fees Assistance Program and must be paid in full.