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SOLO PRACTICE BAR ASSOCIATION INFORMATION BY STATE

STATE	LINK	DESCRIPTION
Alabama	www.alabar.org	The state offers a mentor program and some free CLE for new lawyers.
Alaska	www.alaskabar.org	The state has a few articles on the topic of solo practice.
Arizona	www.myazbar.org	The bar has some CLE resources on their site and their Young Lawyers Division is very active and has a good mentoring program.
Arkansas	www.arkbar.com	They have a small Solo, Small Firm and Practice Management section of the bar. They put on programming and put out a newsletter to keep members informed in this area.
California	www.calbar.ca.gov	The state has a Solo and Small Firm section of the bar. They offer a lot of good resources including a CLE Toolbox, mentoring in the section, a guide to opening and managing a law practice among other useful resources on the website.
Colorado	www.cobar.org	The state has a Solo and Small Firm section of the bar. The Section presents regional CLEs, networking sessions and produces a newsletter.
Connecticut	www.ctbar.org	The state has a newly created section geared toward solo and small firm attorneys and staff called The Small Firm Practice Management Section.
Delaware	www.dsba.org	The state has a Small Firms & Solo Practitioners section of the bar.



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Florida	www.floridabar.org	The state has a General Practice Solo and Small Firm section of the bar that puts out a newsletter with useful information.
Georgia	www.gabar.org	The state puts on an annual Solo & Small Firm Institute and Technology Showcase. They also have a Law Practice Management Resource Library online that offers information on resources for solo practitioners.
Hawaii	www.hsba.org	The Young Lawyers Division offers a Professional Development Seminars which are brown bag seminars on various legal topics of general interest to attorneys.
Idaho	http://isb.idaho.gov	They have a young lawyers division that meets monthly as well as several CLE options geared toward newly admitted attorneys.
Illinois	www.isba.org	The bar hosts a Solo and Small Firm Conference that offers educational sessions, networking opportunities and an exhibit hall that showcases services and products to help solo practitioners expand their career and improve the efficiency of their law practice. The Young Lawyers Division has a mentoring program and several good resources on their site for new and solo practitioners.
Indiana	www.inbar.org	The bar has a General Practice, Solo & Small Firm section. They host an annual conference, produce a newsletter and have an e-discussion list for members.



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Iowa	http://iabar.net/	The bar has some practice tools available on their website. The Young Lawyers Division also has resources and information on their site as well as a “Bridge the Gap” program.
Kansas	www.ksbar.org	The bar has a Solo and Small Firm Section that plans and promotes education programs; support and recommends legislation; distributes information through newsletters, bulletin boards, or other means of communication; and provides networking opportunities for practitioners from solo and small firms. The Young Lawyers Division also has a mentoring program.
Kentucky	www.kybar.org	The state has a Small Firm section but not one specifically for solo practitioners. They have some limited resources on their website.
Louisiana	www.lsba.org	The bar has a Solo and Small Firm section that hosts an annual conference for solo and small firm practitioners.
Maine	www.mainebar.org	The site has some limited resources for solo practitioners.
Maryland	www.msba.org	The state has a robust Solo and Small Firm Section. This section is the fifth largest Section in the association. They have held a “Suddenly Solo” program, geared toward practitioners considering solo practice because of the effect of the economy on the legal profession, as well as a “Hanging Out a Shingle”



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		program, designed to help new attorneys start solo practices. The Section also hosts an annual Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference in November, making the videos of the sessions available for purchase online.
Massachusetts	www.massbar.org	The state has a robust General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section that assists members by studying the needs and concerns of solo, small firm practitioners, providing a forum and clearinghouse for the exchange and dissemination of ideas and information and encouraging, identifying and promoting programs, benefits and services for solo and small firm practitioners.
Michigan	www.michbar.org	The bar cosponsors a Small and Solo Institute and offers some other online resources. They Young Lawyers division also hosts sessions geared toward helping new lawyers get started.
Minnesota	www.mnbar.org	The bar has a General Practice, Solo and Small Firm section. They host networking events and CLEs for members.
Mississippi	www.msbar.org	The Young Lawyers Division offers several training sessions useful to young lawyers starting out on their own.
Missouri	www.mobar.org	The bar website provides a link for attorneys looking to share office space. The bar has a mentoring program. They also provide seminars, publications and conferences with pertinent CLE



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		information.
Montana	www.montanabar.org	The State has an annual Practical Practice Tips CLE. One of the topics covered is “Basic Tech Needs of the Solo or Small Firm.”
Nebraska	www.nebar.com	The Young Lawyers Division offers a Professional Development Seminars which are brown bag seminars on various legal topics of general interest to attorneys.
Nevada	www.nvbar.org	The bar website has provides a link for attorneys looking to share office space. The bar has a mentoring program. They also provide seminars, publications and conferences with pertinent CLE information.
New Hampshire	www.nhbar.org	This state has limited resources for solo practitioners and is password protected.
New Jersey	www.njsba.com	The State has a Solo and Small Firm section that hosts an annual conference for solo and small firm practitioners.
New Mexico	www.nmbar.org	The Law Practice Management Group provides a state Solo Handbook as a useful tool for its members. The state has a robust Solo and Small Firm Section which provides step by step information for solo practitioners. They also have a section entitled “Ethics in Small or Solo Firms”.
New York	www.nysba.org	The State has a very informative section on solo and small firms. Under the Law Practice Management Section, the state has a Solo/Small Firms Resource



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		Center. Under this section, they provide forms, template and marketing strategies for solo/small firm practitioners, as well as technology tips, and an active solo and small firm attorney blog entitled “Smallfirmville”. They also provide seminars, publications and conferences with pertinent CLE information.
North Carolina	www.ncbar.org	The State has a very informative section on solo and small firms. Under the Law Office Management Section, the state has a Solo/Small Firms Resource Center , Boot Camp for Solo Practitioners, Business Management and Malpractice Tips. They also provide seminars, publications and conferences with pertinent CLE information.
North Dakota	www.sband.org	The site has limited resources for solo practitioners.
Ohio	www.ohiobar.org	The Ohio State Bar is a state leader in helping Ohio’s lawyers integrate into the legal profession by providing a new lawyer training session which is a requirement for newly licensed attorneys in the state of Ohio. The bar as has a mentoring program.
Oklahoma	www.okbar.org	The bar has a Solo and Small Firm section that hosts an annual conference for solo and small firm practitioners. The conference has numerous “how to” sessions as well as a several online resources.



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Oregon	www.osbar.org	The state has recently launched its “New Lawyer Mentoring Program” which will offer new bar members one-on-one guidance as well as promote professionalism, civility and collegiality among practicing attorneys. This program is modeled after the State Bar of Georgia and State Bar of Utah.
Pennsylvania	www.pabar.org	The bar website has a very informative public resources page which provides solo and small firm practice benefits, quarterly newsletters and very active network directory for small firms seeking volunteer assistance. They also have an information clearing house to assist general solos and small firms with law practice management, tools and techniques.
Rhode Island	www.ribar.org	The bar has a two part requirement training program. The seminar is free and covers the disciplinary process. The second component of the education requirement is attendance at four Practice Skills seminars.
South Carolina	www.scbar.org	The bar has limited resources on their site but they do have a Young Lawyers Division that provides a semi-annual newsletter containing committee reports, upcoming events, member spotlight, practical tips and other items of interest to young lawyers.
South Dakota	www.sdbar.org	The bar has a Young Lawyer Section that provides a monthly newsletter and they



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		also provide a “Nuts and Bolts” seminar for practicing attorneys.
Tennessee	www.tba.org	The bar has a General, Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Section which has a newsletter and CLE information.
Texas	www.texarbar.com	The state has a robust Law Practice Management Section that has hosts a Starting Your Own practice CLE through the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section throughout the state. They also provide newsletters, videos, and several programs geared toward solo and small firm practitioners.
Utah	www.utahbar.org	The bar has a Solo, Small Firm & Rural Practice Section that provides resources to newly licensed attorneys. They also provide a required one year New Lawyer Training Program ("NLTP") The goal of the NLTP is to match new lawyers with more experienced lawyers for training during their first year of practice .
Vermont	www.vtbar.org	The bar has a Solo and Small Firm section that hosts an annual conference for solo and small firm practitioners.
Virginia	www.vba.org	The Law Practice Management Division offers a Small Firm Practice Luncheon at their annual meetings.
Washington	www.wsba.org	The bar has a Solo and Small Practice Section that offers resources to help manage their law practice.
West Virginia	www.wvbar.org	The bar has a Young Lawyers Section with limited resources for new attorneys.



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Wisconsin	www.wisbar.org	The bar has a Law Office Management Section that is considering offering a Starting a Law Practice Seminar twice a year.
Wyoming	www.wyomingbar.org	The state offers a very informative CLE for new lawyers through its Law Practice Management Group. The bar has a mentoring program and resources for newly licensed attorneys.

