

## Why become active in LPM?

Active members give many reasons for their continued involvement in LPM, including:

- **The people.** Active members develop invaluable working and social relationships. The Section, with its smaller size in terms of active members, has become a community of friends.
- **Fast track to leadership.** With a smaller group of active members relative to other ABA entities, LPM provides newer actives with the unique opportunity to quickly get involved in leadership roles.
- **The work of the section.** Section actives will tell you that they truly enjoy practice management education and sharing their knowledge with others.
- **Opportunity to speak or be published.** LPM's staff and members can assist you in making an LPM-related presentation, or in publishing a magazine article or book, enhancing your profile as an authority in your field of practice.
- **Substantive planning and programming.** Section actives enjoy the planning and programming aspect of creating educational materials and programs.
- **Opportunity to focus on "core" interests.** Through the work in LPM, active members can focus on one or more of the core areas in which they are interested or have expertise.

The reasons for becoming active in the section vary for each person. Think about why you are considering becoming active:

- Why did you come to this meeting?
- What did you hope to learn? Why?
- Who did you hope to meet? Why?
- Are you interested in leadership positions? Why? What do you hope to accomplish and learn?
- Are you interested in creating section content, like writing for the section's magazine or webzine, or writing a book? What content would you like to contribute?
- Are you interested in the "business of the section" and how it runs, including what is presented at each meeting and which CLE programs are presented?
- Are you interested in creating lasting friendships with colleagues who share your interest in the *business* of practicing law? Why?

Consider these questions as you meet current Section actives and attend meetings and you will be better able to target your approach to becoming active.