



AMERICAN JUDICATURE SOCIETY (AJS) State Chapter Benefits

Why Form a State Chapter?

It has been demonstrated that AJS, with its historical role and credibility at the national level, continues to serve as a relevant and influential resource on local judicial reform issues, and our members want to be a part of this movement. State chapters provide enhanced opportunities for AJS members to leverage national, regional and statewide resources to improve fairness and accuracy in the justice system.

The catalysts for AJS state chapter development are as diverse as the issues that each state faces. A few of the reasons for and benefits of chapter formation are shown here, including increased capacity to:

- Advocate in support of efforts to improve the administration of justice
- Encourage expanded AJS membership among lawyers, judges, and other citizens
- Convene training for judicial nominating commissioners
- Host judicial independence programs
- Host AJS Sidebar and other mentoring and educational programs
- Increase awareness of AJS and its clearinghouse of affordable and reliable resources
- Activate response teams to address unjust attacks against judges
- Support deserving judicial pay increases and other legislative efforts
- Review appellate procedures and court structure initiatives
- Review ethical issues for administrative law judges
- Review and submit nominations for state and national awards recognizing contributions to improving the administration of justice
- Prepare manuals for incoming law clerks for the judiciary

