



MY LACBA STORY

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Sarah joined the Los Angeles County Bar Association in 2008 and went on to serve in numerous leadership positions, including as Barristers President (now the Barristers/Young Attorneys) and the Board of Trustees. In a few short words, Sarah shares her LACBA story and the impact that being an active member of the association has had on her career and personal life.

This is Sarah's story.

Why did you become a lawyer? Both my parents are lawyers, so it sort of was like going into the family business.

Where did you graduate law school? Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

What area(s) of law do you practice and where are you currently employed? I started out in general business litigation and, over the years, began to specialize in entertainment litigation. I'm now Associate General Counsel for SAG-AFTRA, the union representing over 160,000 actors and performers.

What role has LACBA Barristers/Young Attorneys played in your career? Having gone to law school in Tennessee, I did not have an alumni community to support and mentor me when I arrived in LA. LACBA and the Barristers/Young Attorneys stepped in to fill that role for me. Every job since my first job out of law school, I got through a LACBA connection. It's also how my husband and I got together, so it's played a huge role in my personal life as well.

What words of wisdom would you give new attorneys about getting involved with LACBA Barristers/Young Attorneys? Get involved and take advantage! LACBA and the Barristers/Young Attorneys present opportunities to work with (and prove yourself to) people you would not ordinarily get to substantively interact with at the early stages of your career. A good impression made when moderating a panel or helping to plan an event can lead to your next job or client referral...or spouse! Also, it's a lot of fun.