

Uses of Surplus Funds

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Acceptable general purposes for the use of budget surpluses include:

1. Benefit most section members;
2. Advance interests and values of the section or its members;
3. Promote diversity;
4. Promote participation of young lawyers;
5. Continuing Legal Education

Specific suggestions from sections for use of surpluses. *(These suggestions are not intended to be exhaustive but are ones that sections have successfully used for their excess surpluses. Of course, there may be other appropriate uses that sections may develop in the future.)*

1. Charitable Donations
 - a. Bar Foundation
 - b. Other Charities
 - c. Scholarships
 - d. Non-monetary recognition awards to practicing attorneys
2. Outreach Programs
 - a. Sponsor programs in law schools, colleges or high schools Moot Court programs, Law Day, Other educational programs
 - b. Sponsor networking events, within section (when appropriate), with other sections, with other, non-attorney professional organizations
 - c. Section membership in other professional organizations
3. Continuing Legal Education
 - a. Limited subsidies of program costs (subject to CLE rules of the NYSBA)
 - b. Subsidize attendance fees of Law Students
 - c. Subsidize cost of printed materials (Subject to CLE rules of NYSBA)
 - d. Reimbursement of Speaker expenses (honoraria require approval of the Finance Committee)
4. Education
 - a. Digitize CLE course books used in previous programs
 - b. On-line experts for communities/listserves
 - c. Subsidize costs of section publications and journals
5. Membership
 - a. Programs to promote section membership for young lawyers, diversity, law students
 - b. Subsidize membership fees for young lawyers, law students
 - c. Temporary reduction in section dues
 - d. Membership of the Section in another organization