



State Bar of Arizona 2025 Lobbying Report

The State Bar of Arizona’s lobbying efforts are restricted by both the U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Keller v. State Bar of California*, and Arizona Supreme Court rule. It may only take positions on issues related to “regulating the legal profession and improving the quality of legal services.”

ABA Day in Washington D.C.

ABA Day – Washington D.C. (staffing)	Legal Services Corporation Funding	\$7,565.29
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State Bar of Arizona (SBA) Board of Governors President Ted Schmidt, SBA CEO Joel England and SBA Chief Communications Officer Joe Hengemuehler participated in this annual event that is intended to educate the Arizona congressional delegation on the value of funding for Legal Services Corporation.

Cost to Members

Non-deductible lobbying costs for each member (based on 26,877 members as of December 2025):

Issue		Cost per member
ABA Day		\$0.28
	Total:	\$0.28

In 2025, the State Bar of Arizona opposed SB 1435, which would have amended A.R.S. § 12-353. A.R.S. § 12-353 already mandates that in attorney discipline proceedings, if the attorney who is the subject of the charges prevails, the State Bar must reimburse the attorney for attorney fees and all court costs incurred. SB1435 would require the State Bar to also be financially liable to pay the attorney for loss of earnings, to be calculated over the full time period covering all stages of the investigation and any related court proceedings. SB1435 would also have authorized the attorney to file a claim against the State Bar to recover reputational damages. The bill passed both the House and Senate but was ultimately vetoed by Governor Hobbs. This opposition is excluded under the direct interest exception rule – Treasury Regulation § 1.162-20(c)(2).

The State Bar of Arizona did not lobby on any proactive activities during 2025.

Questions regarding the State Bar of Arizona’s lobbying practices? Please contact Tim Eigo, Chief Communications Officer: tim.eigo@staff.azbar.org