



2023 NATIONAL SUMMIT FAQs

1. What does the summit registration fee include?

- a. Registration includes access to all sessions, the welcome reception, group workout sessions, plenary panels and keynotes, CLE classes, headshot lounge, the Black-tie Gala and Awards Reception, after-party, and the farewell breakfast. Additional excursions and off-site opportunities are available for fee.

2. Why do I see different prices for registration?

- a. Registration prices are determined by the type of registrant (e.g., BWLA Member, Public Sector/Not-for-Profit/Solo Practitioner, In-House Counsel, Student, and Non-Member) and your affiliation with BWLA or a partner/affiliate organization.

3. Who is eligible to register for the reduced rate for Public Sector/Not-for-Profit/Solo Practitioner?

- a. You may register at this special reduced rate (\$650 – Gala Included) if you work within one of the following areas:
 - (1) the judiciary.
 - (2) state or federal government.
 - (3) a public interest organization.
 - (4) academia; or
 - (5) a law firm consisting of ten (10) attorneys or less.

4. I am not sure if I am a member for 2022-2023, how can I check to see if I have membership for this year?

- a. To check your BWLA membership status, please send an inquiry email to BWLA at nationalsummit@bwla.org. To check, your membership status with a partner or affiliate organization, you must contact that organization directly.

5. I am attending through my firm's/company's sponsorship of the 2023

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National Summit, how and where do I register on the website?

- a. Please contact the relevant personnel or representative(s) at your firm/company to ensure that your name is included on the firm's/company's list of attendees. BWLA will work with the sponsoring firms/companies to ensure that their respective list of attendees are registered for the summit.

6. If I purchased an individual ticket and subsequently cancel my registration, can I receive a refund?

- a. If you purchased an individual ticket and cancel your registration, you may receive a refund on your registration fee through March 1, 2023. No cancellations will be allowed after March 1, 2023. BWLA is not responsible for hotel room cancellations or travel costs. No refunds will be issued for sponsors.

7. What if test positive for COVID-19?

- a. If you test positive for Covid-19 within 72 hours of the Summit, your National Summit registration may be transferred to another person through March 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CST. To transfer your National Summit registration, please email the National Summit Team at nationalsummit@bwla.org indicating your intent to transfer your registration to another person and providing the following information for the person to whom you are transferring your registration: (1) name, (2) company, (3) email address, and (4) attorney bar number and state.
- b. The Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park will accommodate hotel room cancellations up to 72 hours in advance without cost; hotel room transfers (i.e., reservation name change) are allowed up to 72 hours in advance of the start of the National Summit. For more information regarding hotel arrangements, please contact the hotel. BWLA is not responsible for hotel room cancellations or travel costs.

8. Am I allowed to cancel my registration if I am unable to attend due to testing positive for COVID-19 within three days before the conference?

- a. As stated above, after March 1, 2023 all conference registrations will be non-refundable and cancellation requests received after that date will not be accommodated. There will be no exceptions to the cancellation policy. You, may however, transfer your registration to another person through March 27, 2023. See *FAQ number 7 for additional information regarding transfers.*

9. Are there virtual options for attending the 2023 National Summit?

- a. No, there are no virtual options for attending the summit.

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10. For proof of a negative COVID-19 test, are results from Antigen Self-Test home tests acceptable?

- a. Yes, a negative result from an Antigen Self-Test home test will be acceptable for entrance into the summit.

11. Will masks be required for attendees to wear at the 2023 National Summit?

- a. At this time, masks are optional. Attendees may wear masks at their own personal level of comfort. This policy is subject to change, including based on Illinois state and local health requirements and/or CDC guidelines for in-person gatherings.

12. What if I am unemployed or experiencing financial hardship at this time?

- a. BWLA is currently considering what scholarship opportunities, if any, that it may offer to those interested in attending the summit but are experiencing current financial hardship or unemployment. Please contact BWLA at nationalsummit@bwla.org for more information at this time.

13. Can law students attend the 2023 National Summit?

- a. Law students are welcome to join us at the summit and may register at <https://bwanationalsummit.com/> at a special rate of \$250.00, which includes the black-tie gala. Students interested in volunteering at the summit should complete the volunteer form found [here](#), as this is a great opportunity to hear from and meet lawyers from across the country.

14. Will I receive CLE credits from the 2023 National Summit?

- a. CLE credit for certain sessions is pending approval in Illinois, and BWLA is exploring CLE opportunities in other jurisdictions.

15. May I register for particular and/or individual summit sessions at a later date?

- a. You may purchase ticket to the full conference which includes opening reception, leadership luncheon, a black-tie gala, and a farewell prayer breakfast. Alternatively, you may purchase tickets to include only specific events, such as the black-tie gala or leadership luncheon.

16. Are there any lodging accommodations for this summit?

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- a. Hotel accommodations are available at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park Hotel, where the summit will be held, at a special discounted rate of \$199 plus tax until March 1, 2023. Space is limited and will be provided on a first come basis. We encourage attendees who wish to stay at the Fairmont Chicago for the summit to reserve their room as soon as possible. Go to the Fairmont Chicago website at <https://book.passkey.com/event/50395724/owner/2945/home> to reserve your room today.

17. Are there any parking validations or discounts for attending the summit at the Fairmont?

- a. A 10% parking discount will be provided to those attending the summit at the Fairmont Chicago. The discount will be provided upon request and proof of registration for the summit.

18. Will the conference have ADA-compliant facilities for those with physical disabilities, visual or hearing impairments?

- a. All of the Fairmont Chicago meeting spaces are handicap accessible. For more information, contact the Fairmont Chicago at (312) 565-8000 or chicago@fairmont.com.

19. Do you have a facility for those with breastfeeding or lactation needs?

- a. There will be a designated lactation area on site for attendees. Please contact BWLA at nationalsummit@bwla.org for additional information.

20. Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

- a. If you have additional questions regarding registration, please contact 2023 National Summit Team via email at nationalsummit@bwla.org.

21. Is there parking, and if yes, what is the cost?

- a. This is what the Fairmont provides:
 - (1) 20% Off Overnight Valet – \$62 a night per night.
 - (2) \$40 Day Event Parking
 - (3) \$40 Evening Event Parking
- b. Guests should also say they are here for the BWLA National Summit, Luncheon, or Gala)

22. Is there alternate parking options?

- a. A suggestion is the use of public transportation, ride-share, as the Fairmont is accessible by both options. Alternatively, the use of a discount parking app, such as Spot Hero, is an option.

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