



MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Eligibility Categories

[Association Bylaws Article IV](#)

Individuals eligible for membership in the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association (MMLA) must meet one of the following four (4) eligibility categories. If you are uncertain about your eligibility, please contact Jim Lampke MMLA Executive Director at jlampke@massmunilaw.org or 781-749-9922 for guidance.

1. **Current Municipal Attorney.** Any lawyer – **city solicitor, town counsel, or otherwise designated** – a substantial percentage of whose **current** practice consists of representing or advising cities, towns, or local government officials and entities.
2. **Past Municipal Attorney.** Any lawyer – **city solicitor, town counsel, or otherwise designated** – (1) a substantial percentage of whose **past** practice consisted of representing cities, towns, or local government officials and government entities, **AND** (2) whose current practice, in the continuing judgment of the Executive Board, is deemed compatible with membership **or** who has **retired** from the practice of law in Massachusetts.

To qualify, **please provide an explanatory letter** (printed on letterhead, dated, and signed) in which you describe your municipal practice within each of the prior three (3) years, and describe your current practice on **behalf of non-municipal clients** concerning municipal law issues and your dealings with municipalities on behalf of those clients. If you are **renewing** your membership, you do **not** need to resubmit this explanation unless there has been a change in your practice.

3. **Other Attorney.** Any **other** lawyer who, in the continuing judgment of the Executive Board, (1) has demonstrated a **commitment** to the practice of municipal law and the principles of the Association, **AND** (2) whose non-municipal practice is deemed compatible with membership **or** who has **retired** from the practice of law in Massachusetts.

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4. **Law Student.** Any student currently enrolled in law school who, in the judgment of the Executive Board, has demonstrated a **commitment** to the practice of municipal law.

To qualify, **please provide your resume and an explanatory letter** (printed on letterhead, dated, and signed) in which you describe your interest in municipal law, and identify any work you have been engaged in concerning municipal law issues.