

## Patricia Lee Refo – Favorite Hobby

---

So, I got involved in the organized bar as a very young lawyer, probably a second-year associate, and I got hooked, and I've been involved ever since. It has been a terrific and important part of my career, and frankly an important part of my life. I actually met my husband at the American Bar Association, which is either really sweet or kind of sad I suppose, depending on your view. But, the organized bar, whether it's at the state level, the county level, or in my case, at the American Bar Association, it helps you to be a better lawyer. It just flat out does. It has introduced me to clients, it has introduced me to referral sources. It's given me the opportunity to be a leader within my practice specialty and to help shape where, in my case, litigation is going in the future.

I've had the chance to be appointed because of my work in the organized bar to any number of court committees and national committees to work on how to make the legal system even better than it is. Those are opportunities that would never have come to me if I hadn't taken the initiative my own self as a young lawyer to start the process of getting involved in the organized bar. So, I would encourage every young lawyer to think about doing that as well.

**[End of Audio]**