

ILLINOIS BAR FOUNDATION

Lawyers Rock

WED, MARCH 4, 2026 | DOORS 5:30 PM | SHOW 6:30 PM

Bottom Lounge (1375 W. Lake St, Chicago)

FEATURING LIVE LAWYER-LED MUSICAL ACTS

WITH A NEW FORMAT FOR 2026



Category 1: Individual Vocalists & Small Ensembles (4 Slots Available)

- Individual singers and ensembles (2-3 people max) of all genres welcome
- One song performed

Category 2: Bands (4 Slots Available)

- Bands consisting of 3 or more musicians of all genres welcome
- Backline equipment set up will be available
- Two songs performed or maximum 10 minute set

Set Up Notes

- Limited pre-set backline equipment including drum kit, amps, etc. will be available for all performers to use; please note any specific set-up needs on application
- Each act must contain at least one lawyer, judge, or other legal professional
- Each performer or group may participate in sound check in the afternoon (please note: sound check must end by 5:30 pm)
- A winner will be selected from both categories by attendee vote (weighted 70%) and judges' panel scores (weighted 30%)
- Following the final performance, the winners of each category are invited on stage to perform one additional song of their choice.

Application & Fundraising Commitment:

- Each act must apply to participate by **January 16th**
- If more than eight acts apply, slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis
- The performance lineup for each category will be selected by lottery and all performers will need to be available for a 6:30 pm show start
- Each act will be required to raise at least \$3,500:
 - \$2,500 in donations/sponsorships
 - \$1,000 in ticket sales
- The act that raises the most money will receive an award onstage plus the opportunity to choose a legal aid organization to receive a \$1,000 contribution from the IBF on their behalf.



Proceeds of the IBF Lawyers Rock concert fundraiser benefit the statewide access to justice and lawyers care programs of the IBF as well as the juvenile and adult incarcerated justice programs supported by the M. Denny Hassakis Fund

APPLICATION INFO

Name of Act _____

Act type/genre and
number of performers _____

Please list names/firms of
attorneys or judges in act _____

Individuals & ensembles: please
note if you are bringing live or
recorded accompaniment/backup _____

Please note any backline
set up equipment you
would like to request _____

Primary Point of Contact _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please sign below acknowledging that your act agrees that their performance placement within each category is a lottery and that each act will be required to raise at least \$3,500: \$2,500 in donations/sponsorships and \$1,000 in ticket sales.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Return completed application to Jessie Reeves jreeves@illinoisbarfoundation.org
by January 16th. Please reach out if you have any questions.