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The Commercial Collection Agency Association (CCAA), which partners with the CLLA for educational and other events, represents the most prestigious commercial collection agencies in the United States. The CCAA works to elevate the standards of the commercial collections industry by providing educational, legislative, promotional and administrative services to its members.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A CLLA MEMBERSHIP

Looking for a way to connect with professionals in your field — and promote your services to other industry members?

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All CLLA members...

- Receive a roster of current CLLA members with their contact information, which members use to make referrals that can land you new clients — and help you grow your business.
- Are listed in our “Find a Professional” searchable database — which is the most-visited section of our Web site, [ccla.org](http://ccla.org) — helping you market yourself and your firm 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Have the chance to earn required CLE credits by attending engaging, topical educational sessions at meetings across the U.S. throughout the year or through the CLLA’s new online education portal — offering a convenient, customized way to learn.
- Receive a print copy of our quarterly magazine, “Commercial Law World,” offering industry news, best business practice tips and in-depth articles on the latest groundbreaking cases and legislation — along with access to the digital version of the magazine.
- Are able to easily get informed about the latest commercial law, bankruptcy and insolvency news via our members-only CLLA Connections e-newsletter, published twice a month.
- Help gain a voice in Washington through the CLLA’s constant, targeted lobbying efforts to defend commercial law, bankruptcy and credit professionals’ interests.
- Have the opportunity to be certified by the American Board of Certification, which CLLA jointly administers, in business and consumer bankruptcy and creditors’ rights law.
- Are invited to meetings held in various U.S. cities throughout the year featuring events designed to help them make new social and professional contacts, further their career and/or business and attend valuable educational sessions.
- Can stay in touch with the CLLA and each other through our frequently updated LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook pages—and through our growing library of meeting highlights and speaker interview videos.
- Receive discounts on marketing opportunities through print and online advertising, exhibition spaces and sponsorship.



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## **UPCOMING 2012-13 CLLA EVENTS**

### **Eastern Region Triadic Day**

Secaucus, N.J.

Oct. 3, 2012

### **The Western Region Conference**

Hilton Universal City, Universal City, Calif.

Oct. 12, 2012

### **The CLLA Events at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges**

San Diego, Calif.

Oct. 24–26, 2012

### **The 92nd Fall Meeting**

New York, N.Y.

Nov. 8, 2012 – Nov. 10, 2012

### **The 2013 Eastern Region Installation Dinner**

New York, N.Y.

March 19, 2013

### **The 119th National Convention and 83rd Chicago Spring Meeting**

Chicago Ill.

April 11, 2013 – April 14, 2013

For more information on these events or to register to attend an event, please visit [www.clla.org](http://www.clla.org) or call (800) 978-CLLA (2552).

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