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“It is no secret that we, as attorneys, need to work to improve the level of diversity and gender equality in our profession here in Pittsburgh and beyond,” said Rothe. “Alysia has done a lot of good work on that front. The fact she was appointed to this role shows that her peers not only respect her, but they also have the confidence she can provide broad leadership to other bar associations looking to make progress in these areas. Everyone at the ACBA can be proud of this accomplishment.”

David Blaner, Executive Director of the ACBA, said that Keating is an ideal fit for her new NABE role.

“We are fortunate to have Alysia leading our diversity efforts here at the ACBA,” he said. “There are not a lot of bar associations with an employee dedicated to this important cause. While there is still much work to be done promoting diversity and inclusion within the Pittsburgh legal community, we have seen significant positive changes, and much of the credit for that goes to Alysia. I am confident she will help other bar associations across the country take similar strides during her term as NABE Diversity Development Committee Chair.”

About Alysia Keating

Attorney Alysia Keating joined the ACBA in 2011 as Director of Diversity and Gender Equality. In this role, she supports the ACBA with respect to the issues of diversity and gender equality in the Pittsburgh-area legal community. This involves identifying and implementing best practices and organizing educational seminars and other events designed to improve the recruitment, retention, job satisfaction, perceptions and attitudes and compensation disparity of women and minority lawyers in Western Pennsylvania.

Additionally, Keating serves as the Director of the ACBA Institute for Gender Equality and coordinates the ACBA Summer Clerkship Program for minority law students. She is involved with numerous ACBA committees, sections and divisions devoted to the causes of diversity and inclusion, including the Asian Attorneys Committee, Committee on Law and Disability, Diversity Collaborative Committee, Hispanic Attorneys Committee, Homer S. Brown Division, LGBT Rights Committee, Women in the Law Division and the Young Lawyers Division.

A native of Miami, Fla., Keating is a 1993 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center; she earned a bachelor of science in economics degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Philip, live in Upper St. Clair with their three children.