

**ACBA NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM**

**To be completed by all individuals seeking nomination as an ACBA officer or member of the Board of Governors or the Judiciary Committee.**

**Return to the Nominating Committee, c/o David A. Blaner, Executive Director, ACBA, 400 Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15219 or to dblaner@acba.org.**

**Attach a copy of your current resume.**

**Deadline for submission is Wednesday, February 9, 2022 by 4:00 p.m.**

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Year you became a member of the ACBA: 2003 Year of Bar Admission: 2003

Step 1: Identify any positions for which you would like to be considered by the Nominating Committee. If you would like to be considered for more than one position, please state your preference in numerical order (i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4).

**President-Elect** X **Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Board of Governors** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judiciary Committee** \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: (For Judiciary Committee Applicants Only) Please state your preference in numerical order (i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4) for any seats for which you are interested in holding and/or for which you are qualified to hold.

**At-Large Seats**        \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) seats available

**Court Seats**                                (Five (5) seats available)

Appellate Court        \_\_\_\_\_

Civil Court                                \_\_\_\_\_

Criminal Court        \_\_\_\_\_

Family Court                                \_\_\_\_\_

Elder Law and

Probate & Trust        \_\_\_\_\_

**Diverse Seats**        \_\_\_\_\_ Three (3) seats available\*

**Young Lawyer**        \_\_\_\_\_ One (1) seat available  
(0 to 10 years of practice experience)

\* If applying for a Diverse Seat on the Judiciary Committee, your signature on page 3 of the application shall serve as verification that you have read and understand the term “diverse” as set forth in Section 1.3 of the ABCA By-Laws and confirm that you identify under one of the characteristics enumerated in the definition as outlined below.

ACBA By-laws - Section 1.3

“Diverse.” A person will be considered diverse for purposes of the diverse seats on the judiciary committee and for participation in the Allegheny County Bar Association Summer Clerkship Program, if they self-identify as one or more of the following:

American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. Hispanic or Latinx. A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Middle Eastern or North African. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Middle East or North Africa including, for example, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel,

Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

LGBTQ+. A person who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (or questioning), plus. The "plus" is inclusive of the gender identities and sexual orientations that are not specifically covered by the other five initials.

An individual with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This definition may be amended by resolution of the Board of Governors from time to time as needed.

## ACBA Nominating Committee Application

Practice Areas/Courts in which you practice:

Labor & Employment, Higher Education, Restrictive Covenants

Please describe your involvement in ACBA Committees, Divisions/Sections, or activities over the last five (5) years:

I am a past chair of the Young Lawyers Division, past member of the Board of Governors, and a past council member of the Women in the Law Division, Federal Court Section, and Labor & Employment Section. For a complete listing of my ACBA involvement, please see the attached resume.

If you are applying for nomination to the Judiciary Committee, please describe experience, other than or in addition to litigation experience that makes you particularly able to evaluate candidates for judicial office:

N/A

Signature s/Marla N. Presley

Date January 13, 2022

NOTE: Please submit this form with a copy of your current resume.

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## **Marla N. Presley**

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### **EXPERIENCE:**

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#### *Jackson Lewis P.C.*

Office Managing Principal, Litigation Manager (May 2013 to present)

- Trial practice focuses on labor and employment litigation arising under both state and federal law
- Manages litigation cases from inception through trial, including oversight of litigation attorneys
- Tries cases in federal and state court, including class and collective actions, in multiple jurisdictions
- Defends institutions of higher education in claims arising under Title IX, Title VI, Title VII, and Section 504

#### *Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C.*

Senior Associate (September 2010 to May 2013)

- Represented management in a broad range of employment law matters arising under state and federal law
- Extensive civil litigation experience, including the representation of nation clients in premises liability actions, oil and gas lease disputes, and contract litigation

#### *Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.*

Senior Associate (December 2007 to July 2010)

- Practice focused on employment litigation, with a particular emphasis on the representation of national and international corporations
- Trial experience at the state and federal levels, including motions practice, EEOC and PHRC proceedings, evidentiary hearings and civil trials
- Conducted and defended depositions of plaintiffs, defendants, doctors, experts, and key witnesses for purposes of discovery and for use at trial in employment and litigation matters

#### *Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.*

Associate (September 2006 to December 2007)

- Practice areas included insurance bad faith, premise liability, professional liability, automobile liability and labor and employment law
- Extensive experience preparing pleadings, motions and briefs for pretrial/motions practice and in drafting pleadings/briefs for appellate review

#### *Wayman, Irvin & McAuley, LLC*

Associate (September 2003 to September 2006)

- Practice focused on a diverse range of insurance defense practice areas, including general liability, insurance bad faith and construction litigation
- Extensive experience preparing pleadings, motions and briefs for every aspect of pretrial/motions practice, including discovery disputes, preliminary objections and summary judgment for civil and NASD cases

- Achieved trial experience conducting several Court of Common Pleas Arbitrations and District Justice Hearings; Courtroom and jury trial experience included personal injuries arising out of motor vehicle accidents, medical malpractice claims, contractual disputes and disputed liability for the happening of a motor vehicle accident

*Federated Investors/Reed Smith, LLP*

Law Clerk (January 2002 to June 2003)

- Researched specific corporate law issues with an emphasis on the Investment Company Act of 1940 and prepared detailed memoranda of law
- Performed due diligence document reviews for mergers/acquisitions, drafted acquisitions documents and compiled necessary documents required under federal securities laws
- Assisted attorneys in preparing for wide range of investment transactions

**ADMISSIONS:**

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- U.S. Supreme Court, 2019
- 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, 2008
- 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2018
- 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2019
- Pennsylvania - E.D. Pa., 2018
- Pennsylvania - M.D. Pa., 2015
- Pennsylvania - W.D. Pa., 2003
- West Virginia - N.D. W. Va., 2008
- West Virginia - S.D. W. Va., 2018
- Ohio, 2006
- West Virginia, 2004
- Pennsylvania, 2003

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

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*Duquesne University School of Law*

Legal Research and Writing Adjunct Professor, August 2008-2015

Trial Advocacy Coach, August 2008-2010

*Duquesne University School of Leadership and Professional Advancement, August 2007- 2009*

The Role of Forensics in Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Investigative Procedure, Capstone Class

**EDUCATION:**

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*Duquesne University School of Law*

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Juris Doctorate May 2003

- Lynette Norton Memorial Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy
- Louis Mandarino Honor Society

*University of Mount Union*

Alliance, Ohio

B.A., Political Science 2000

- Mount Union College Trustees Scholar

## **JACKSON LEWIS DEI:**

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- Chair – Women ARG
  - Program Chair – Path to Principal
  - Program Chair – Associate Success
  - Program Chair – Building a Book
- RISE Mentorship Program
- Mansfield Certification Plus, CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion, Law Firm Antiracism Alliance

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS/SEMINARS:**

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- Conducting Sexual Harassment Investigations, Lorman, 2021
- Title IX Sexual Misconduct Cases, Lorman, 2021
- Investigating Claims of Sexual Harassment, Lorman 2021
- Conducting Sexual Harassment Investigations, Lorman, January 2020
- Title IX Sexual Misconduct Cases, Lorman, January 2020
- Investigating Claims of Sexual Harassment, Lorman May 2020
- Pennsylvania Health Secretary’s Order Lays Out Extensive Requirements for Essential Employers, April 2020
- Pennsylvania Legislature Amends Unemployment Regulations to Require Employer Notices, April 2020
- How State Workshare Programs Can Help Employers Reduce Costs, Avoid Layoffs, Furloughs, April 2020
- What West Virginia Employers Need to Know About the State Response to COVID-19, April 2020

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. AWARDS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

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- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County
- Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent
- Chambers Best Lawyers in America
- Duquesne University Law Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award, 2020
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, 2019 - present
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer “Rising Star,” 2010 - 2018
- Legal Intelligencer Lawyer on the Fast Track, 2015
- Allegheny County Bar Association YLD Outstanding Young Lawyer, 2012
- ABA National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Finalist, 2011
- Healthcare Heroes in Action Founding Board Member, 2020
- Children’s Hospital of UPMC Trust Member 2017 – present
- Lasagna Love Volunteer, 2020 – present
- Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Soiree Committee, 2017-2018
- Best Buddies Chef Showcase fundraising host, 2013
- Board of Trustees Member, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania 2008-2010
- Wounded Warrior Pro Bono Attorney, 2013 – present
- Operation Safety Net Pro Bono Attorney, 2006-2007

## **ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

- Young Lawyers Division Fund Founding Barrister, 2021
- Strategic Planning Committee, 2021 – present

- Finance Committee Member, 2021 – present
- Federal Court Section Council, 2017 – 2021
- Gender Equality Committee, 2011 – 2019
- Labor and Employment Council, 2013 – 2015
- Women in the Law Division Council, 2011-2015
- Board of Governors, 2008-2010
- Managing Partners Committee, 2021 – present
- BOG Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, 2010-2011
- Ad Hoc Committee on Law Firm Management, Chair 2009-2010
- Wills for Heroes Program volunteer, 2008 - present
- Young Lawyers Division, 2003 – 2013
  - Division Chair, 2009-2010
  - Council, 2007-2011
  - Law School Mentoring Program, Chair 2008-2010
  - Bar Leadership Initiative Program Member, 2005-2006; Chair 2010
  - “A Night with the Big Wigs,” Co-Chair 2012
  - Cinderella Project, Founder and Chair 2012
  - Lawyers for a Humane Pittsburgh, Founder and Chair 2012
  - Young Professionals Mixer, Founder and Chair 2010-2012
  - Scavenger Hunt, Founder and Chair 2010-2012
  - Project MVP, Founder and Chair 2009
  - Rollin’ with the Judges, Founder and Chair 2009
  - Comedy Night, Founder and Chair 2009
  - Skate a Thon, Chair 2006-2008
- ACBA Political Action Committee

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION**

- Fellows Committee, 2011-2018
- Inaugural Young Fellow, 2010
- Fellow, 2010 – present
- NLSA Protection from Abuse Hearings 2005-2010

**PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION**

- Young Lawyers Division Council, 2010-2012
- Pennsylvania Disaster Legal Services Coordinator (through FEMA), 2010-2012
- Young Fellow and Fellow

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

- Labor and Employment 2010 – present
- Young Lawyers Division Council, 2010-2012