

**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](mailto:dblaner@acba.org).**

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

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

Name: **Samuel W. Braver**

Employer/Place of Business: **DENTONS COHEN & GRIGSBY P.C.**

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Telephone Number: **412-580-3172(c); 412-297-4602(w)** Email Address: **samuel.braver@dentons.com**

Year you became a member of the ACBA: **1974** Year of Bar Admission: **1974**

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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,

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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: **Commercial Litigation; Estates and Trusts Litigation; Intellectual Property Litigation. I practice primarily in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania (throughout the entire state) and the state courts of Florida and the Southern and Middle District Federal Courts of Florida. I am a member and practice in the United States Court of Appeals of the Third and Eleventh Circuits.**

Please describe your involvement in ACBA Committees, Divisions/Sections, or activities over the last five (5) years: **I am currently in my third term on the Board of Governors and I recently finished my third term on the Judiciary Committee. I sit on the Probate and Trust Council and have been an active member in the Federal Section and Probate Committees. I currently am a member of the Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning Committee of the ACBA. (See 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



Date: **January 19, 2022**

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

# **SAMUEL W. BRAVER**

## **EDUCATION**

Duquesne University School of Law, 1974, JD, *magna cum laude*  
University of Pittsburgh, 1971, BA

## **ADMISSIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Pennsylvania 1974  
Florida 1986  
US District Court Western District of Pennsylvania  
US District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania  
US District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
US Court of Appeals Third Circuit  
US Tax Court  
US District Court Southern District of Florida  
US District Court Middle District of Florida  
US Court of Appeals for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
US Supreme Court

## **EMPLOYMENT**

March 1, 2020 – Present:	DENTONS COHEN & GRIGSBY
June 1976 – February 2020	BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC
August 1974 – June 1976	BRENNAN ROBBINS & DALEY

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers – 2009 to present
- Member of Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County – 1983 to present
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission, Investigative Panel Division – *Dedicated Service Award* 2017
- Civil Litigation Section of ACBA Professionalism Award -- 2013
- *The Best Lawyers in America* (Commercial Litigation) -- 2012 to Present
- *The Best Lawyers of Pittsburgh* (Litigation)

# **SAMUEL W. BRAVER**

## **ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law: Adjunct Professor – 2017 to present
- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania: past President, Former Chair of Appellate Program, Membership Committee (current member as well as former past Chair), Immediate Past Chair of Federal Practice Committee, Member of Nominating Committee
- Allegheny County Bar Association: current member Board of Governors (third term); Allegheny County Judiciary Committee (former past Chair, elected to serve three 3-year terms)
- American College of Trial Lawyers: Fellow, Pennsylvania State Nominating Committee (past Vice Chair and past Chair and currently a member thereof)
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) at the University of Pittsburgh (former) Faculty Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Committee (having done investigations on numerous Appellate candidates)
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute (past Lecturer on Pennsylvania evidence)

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PRO BONO**

- Jewish Community Center of Pittsburgh: Vice President and member of Board of Directors, past Treasurer and past Chair of Budget Finance Committee
- One Day To Remember: Board Member

## **NATURE OF PRACTICE**

Complex Commercial Litigation, Estates and Trusts Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Products Liability Litigation