

**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.**

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Year you became a member of the ACBA: 2019 Year of Bar Admission: 2019

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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**           2     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**           1     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:

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division  
United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

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

Young Lawyers Division - Bar Leadership Initiative; Strike Out Hunger 2021 - Chair; Young Lawyers Division Council Member; YLD Education Committee; YLD Public Service Committee; Women in the Law Division

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:

My job as an Assistant District Attorney has provided the opportunity to appear before many judges in the court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division and develop a well-rounded concept of the necessary experience, temperament, and legal acumen that creates a capable jurist. In addition, I have always been very interested in and involved with local elections, and previously served on the Allegheny County Democratic Committee, which allowed me to become closely acquainted with the election and endorsement process for candidates in Allegheny County and I believe that knowledge and experience would easily translate to the ACBA's process for evaluating and endorsing judicial candidates. Finally, as a member of the 2020-2021 YLD-BLI class, I worked on a project to create a guide to local elections and explain the roles of each elected official, the section that I helped to create explained the role of Magistrates, Common Pleas Judges, and each level of our Appellate judiciary in an attempt to make state and local elections more accessible to individuals who may not otherwise understand these elected positions and their roles in our government.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Amelia J. Goodrich \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2/2/2022 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
November 2019  
United States District Court for the  
Western District of Pennsylvania,  
December 2020

## EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR  
Duquesne University School of Law  
Evening Division, 2019

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Liberal Studies and Mathematics  
La Roche College, 2012  
Dean's List: 2011-2012

## ACADEMIC HONORS

CALI AWARD (Highest Grade), Legal  
Research & Writing I (Fall 2015)  
CALI AWARD, Legal Research &  
Writing II (Spring 2016)  
CALI AWARD, Family Law (Spring  
2019)

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE & INVOLVEMENT

ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR  
ASSOCIATION  
Young Lawyers Division  
**Council member** | 2021 - Present  
**Bar Leadership Initiative** | 2020 - 2021

ALPHA DELTA PI  
Alpha Iota, University of Pittsburgh  
**Standards & Ethics Advisor**  
2018 - Present

BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL  
Duquesne University School of Law  
**Student Articles Editor** | 2018 - 2019

AMERICAN CONSTITUTION  
SOCIETY  
Duquesne University School of Law  
**Vice President** | 2018 - 2019;  
2016 - 2017  
**President** | 2017 - 2018

KEYS SERVICE CORPS –  
AMERICORPS  
**Service Member** | 2012 - 2013

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY | DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

#### PCRA & Federal Habeas Unit, Appellate Division

436 Grant Street, Room 401, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

#### September 2020 – Present

Prepare complex legal motions and petitions to be filed in state and federal court  
Represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in post-conviction hearings  
Communicate with victims and victims' families regarding case statuses  
Develop expertise and provide training in emerging law regarding the Pennsylvania Sex Offender  
Registration and Notification Act  
Assist in administration of internship program

### DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL – HONORS FELLOW | PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

#### Criminal Prosecutions Section

1215 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

#### November 2019 – September 2020

Represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Court of Common Pleas  
Conduct legal research related to potential and pending prosecutions  
Provide research to assist in Grand Jury proceedings  
Work with section attorneys to devise and implement prosecution strategy  
Prepare motions, briefs, and other filings relevant to court proceedings  
Assist in the investigation of criminal cases  
Counsel witnesses and victims regarding case-related activities

### PARALEGAL | DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

#### PCRA and Federal Habeas Unit, Appellate Division

436 Grant Street, Room 401, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

#### October 2017 – November 2019

Research, write, and file Answers to Post-Conviction Relief Act Petitions filed in the Court of  
Common Pleas  
Perform research and write memoranda regarding state and federal criminal law  
Compile and review records in preparation for Post-Conviction Relief Act Hearings  
Develop expertise in the area of "Juvenile Lifer" resentencings and assist attorneys at all stages of  
such proceedings  
**Certified Legal Intern**

### TIPSTAFF TO THE HONORABLE DONALD R. WALKO, JR. | COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, FAMILY DIVISION

414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

#### May 2017 – October 2017

Manage courtroom schedule, and attorney and party arrivals  
Prepare the bench with essential materials and research memoranda for trial  
Serve as communication liaison between court and attorneys  
Serve as liaison between the Judge and various court departments  
Research docket histories and summarize motions for the Judge's review

### LEGAL INTERN | DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

436 Grant Street, Room 401, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

#### PCRA & Federal Habeas Unit, Appellate Division: February 2016 – May 2017

Conduct legal research to assist in answering PCRA Petitions and write legal memoranda  
Compile and review records in preparation for Post-Conviction Relief Act Hearings  
Organize "Juvenile Lifer" files in preparation for resentencing hearings  
Research and draft Answers to Post Conviction Relief Act Petitions

#### Child Abuse Unit: September 2015 – February 2016

Review Allegheny County ChildLine reports and distribute to proper police agency  
Assist with the completion of paperwork at "Child's Court" while attorneys prepare for  
preliminary hearings  
Accompany Assistant District Attorneys to conduct witness interviews, plea negotiations, jury  
selection, pre-trial motions, trials, and hearings