

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: 2015 Year of Bar Admission: 2016

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 ✓

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:

Family Division | Family Law

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


Family Law Section Member: 2015 - present.

Social committee chair- Family Law Section: 2018-2019

Legislative committee chair- Family Law Section: 2019-2022 (present).

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:

Family law practitioners encounter a vast and diverse range of issues - both legal and personal to the client - in any given day. We are faced with difficult decisions relating to substance abuse, diagnosed & undiagnosed mental health issues, intricate and personal family matters, and abuse in many of our cases. As such, I truly believe that my experiences with clients and opposing parties have crafted and fine-tuned my ability to understand, evaluate, and relate to people both in my professional and personal life. As a practitioner who litigates and conciliates before our court every week, I appreciate and value this critical committee.

Signature  Date 2/9/22

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

Ana Lisa Petrella, Esquire
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Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Legal Experience

Goehring, Rutter & Boehm, Pittsburgh PA

Associate Attorney ♦ July 2021– present

- Practices all aspects of family law including divorce, equitable distribution, simple and complex child/spousal support actions, custody, protections from abuse, UCCJEA and divorce jurisdiction actions, drafting and negotiating prenuptial agreements, drafting wills, healthcare directives, and durable powers of attorney;
- Regularly practices in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties;
- Handles all aspects of case beginning at client consult to settlement and/or trial and exceptions/appeal;
- Conducts legal research, drafts memoranda, and assists clients with evolving needs.

Voelker & Kairys, LLC, Pittsburgh PA (nka: Voelker, Kairys & Morris)

Associate Attorney ♦ July 2017 – July 2021

Vitti & Vitti & Associates, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA (nka: Vitti Law Group)

Associate Attorney ♦ October 2016 – June 2017

Current Awards and Affiliations

- “*Super Lawyers Rising Star*” in the area of family law 2017-present;
- ACBA Family Law Section Legislation Committee co-chair 2019-present;
- ACBA Family Law Section Social Committee co-chair 2018-2019
- Allegheny County *Pro Bono* Motions Program volunteer 2017-present.

Duquesne University Family Law Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA

Certified Legal Intern ♦ August 2015 – May 2016.

- Assisted income-qualified individuals through the Allegheny County *Pro Bono* Motions Program to understand, draft, and argue motions before the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas- Family Division. Practiced under the direction and supervision of Katherine L.W. Norton, Esquire.

Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Honorable Jill E. Rangos

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas: Criminal Division

Judicial Intern ♦ January 2016 – May 2016

- Drafted PA Appellate Rule 1925 Opinions in Support of Order, observed and discussed criminal trial court and sentencing proceedings.

The Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA

Certified Legal Intern ♦ June 2015 – August 2015

- Conducted legal research, met with clients, assisted supervising attorneys in federal trial preparation.

LexisNexis Legal Software, Pittsburgh, PA

Law Student Associate ♦ September 2014 – May 2016

- Trained law students to use LexisNexis Legal Software and to understand new developments within the program.

James T. Abrams Law Office, Steubenville, OH

Law Clerk ♦ June 2014 – August 2014

- Conducted legal research, met with clients to understand legal needs, assisted attorneys in the office with file management.

Education

Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., June 2016, Pittsburgh PA

Awards & Distinctions:

- concentration in family law studies;
- Joanne Ross Wilder Law Student Scholarship PBA-FLS Conference January 2016, Lancaster PA;
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award- Mediation;
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation Public Interest Fellowship, Summer 2015;
- *Pro Bono* Service Certificate for exceeding required *pro bono* hours;

Duquesne University, B.A., June 2013, Political Science and Business

Administration, Pittsburgh, PA

Steubenville Catholic Central High School, May 2009, Steubenville OH