

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: 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 X

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 X 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:

My primary practice areas are civil litigation, construction, professional liability, and insurance coverage. I am admitted in all Pennsylvania and West Virginia state and federal courts.

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

I currently am a YLD Council Member and Co-Chair of the YLD Public Service Committee; I also am a Co-Chair of the YLD Public Service Committee's annual Fairy Tale Mock Trials event. I was a member of the 2020-2021 BLI class, and through BLI, I had the opportunity to Co-Chair the YLD's largest event of the year – the Children's Gift Drive and Holiday Party. I am also a member of the Women in Law Division, Construction Law Section, and Sports Law Committee.

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:

As a young lawyer who has only been practicing for approximately three years, I think I could bring a fresh perspective to the Committee. Additionally, as noted on my resume, I volunteer in a number of capacities as an advocate for women and children; if nominated for and elected to the Committee, I hope that I could speak up for some of the wants and needs of those communities as they relate to our local judiciary.

Signature: Rebecca Johnson Barksdale Date: 2/9/22

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

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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., May 2019

Honors: 2017, 2019 Paul C. Weiler Scholar Award
Activities: Entertainment and Media Law, Research Assistant
Journal of Sports & Entertainment Law, Co-Editor-in-Chief
Women's Law Association, Director of External Affairs

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, B.A., magna cum laude in Philosophy (honors) & English with a Writing Concentration, May 2014

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta, Order of Omega, Dr. Carl A. Hanson Award
Employment & Activities: LGBTI Community Legal Service, Inc., Legal Assistant
The Gettysburgian, Sports Editor; Money, Science & Technology Editor
Varsity Volleyball, Letter Winner
Delta Gamma Fraternity, Director of Scholarship
Study Abroad: The University of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD, Australia, Spring 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PIETRAGALLO GORDON ALFANO BOSICK & RASPANTI, LLP, Pittsburgh, PA, *Associate* September 2019-present

- Commercial Litigation, Construction, & Insurance Coverage. Pro Bono Guardianship Program.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, New York, NY, *Intern* January 2019

- Wrote and edited contract provisions, performed due diligence, and conducted research in the corporate legal department of The Office of the Commissioner of Baseball as part of Harvard's Sports Law Clinic.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, Greensburg, PA, *Intern* February 2018-August 2018

- Worked as a law clerk in the chambers of the Honorable Rita Donovan Hathaway, President Judge.

LAUREL LEGAL SERVICES, Greensburg, PA, *Intern* February 2017-August 2017

- Conducted intake interviews and negotiations for clients seeking protection from abuse orders.

FOX ROTHSCHILD LLP, Pittsburgh, PA, *Summer Associate* Summer 2016 (received offer)

- Conducted research and wrote litigation memoranda. Drafted support letters for immigration petitions.

FARRELL & REISINGER, LLC, Pittsburgh, PA, *Intern* January 2016

- Prepared briefs for salary arbitration-eligible Major League Baseball players as part of Harvard's Sports Law Clinic.

U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PA, Pittsburgh, PA, *Intern—Appellate Division* Summer 2015

- Conducted research and wrote memoranda about legal issues within the Third Circuit. Edited motions and briefs.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Gettysburg College BOLD [Burgians of the Last Decade] Council
Dress for Success Pittsburgh, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Allegheny County Mock Trial, Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience

BAR ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Pennsylvania, 2019 West Virginia, 2020
Allegheny County Bar Association- Construction Law Section, Sports Law Committee, Young Lawyers & Women in Law Divisions

- Young Lawyers Division- YLD Council Member, Public Service Committee Co-Chair, Bar Leadership Initiative Class of 2020-21

Pennsylvania Bar Association