

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: 1997 Year of Bar Admission: 1997

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 X

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.

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Practice Areas/Courts in which you practice:

Labor & Employment, Litigation / Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

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

ACBA Board of Governors Member; Strategic Planning Membership Subcommittee Chair; Civil Litigation Section Member/Past Chair; Labor & Employment Section Member/Past Council; Women in the Law Division Member/Past Council; ACBF Fellow; Attendance/Presentation/Coordination of various CLE Seminars, Lunch and Learn Programs, Skills Trainings, and Lunch with the Judges; Civil Litigation Section Holiday Lunch/Food Pantry Program Volunteer; Developer/Author of Civil Litigation Section Monthly Practice Tip Articles.

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:

Signature Dana F. Bacsi Date 2-7-22

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

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Counsel – Labor & Employment, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA – 2013 – Present

Serves as in-house labor and employment counsel for state governmental transit agency consisting of approximately 2,600 employees and three unions. Counsels Port Authority on a wide variety of labor and employment matters, including Title VII, ADA, ADEA, and FMLA issues, policies and compliance, benefits, and collective-bargaining. Represents Port Authority before administrative agencies and in state and federal courts. Experience handling matters before the EEOC, PHRC, PLRB, DOL, and PA Office of Unemployment Compensation and Board of Review. Conducts investigations, monitors outside counsel, and represents Port Authority in union grievance arbitrations and employment litigation. Serves on several internal committees, including with contracted medical personnel, and presents in-house training on discipline, lessons learned, equal opportunity, and other labor and employment-related topics to employees, including management personnel.

Partner, Goehring Rutter & Boehm, Pittsburgh, PA – 2003 – 2013

Partner and member of the firm's Litigation Group focusing in the areas of commercial, product liability, premises liability, personal injury, toxic tort, and long-term care. Experience in employment law matters includes age, sex, and disability discrimination; wrongful discharge and enforcement of non-compete and non-disclosure contracts. Counseled clients in insurance coverage disputes and declaratory judgment actions. Represented regional, national, and international clients; including Fortune 500 companies, title insurers, manufacturers, retailers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, school districts, transportation companies, construction contractors, and architects. Participated in multi-state litigation. Successfully represented clients in jury trials, arbitrations, and mediations. Supervised associate attorneys and paralegals.

Associate Attorney, Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA – 2001 – 2003

Represented individual and corporate clients in all aspects of civil and commercial litigation in state and federal courts. Trial experience included jury trials, bench trials, arbitrations, and appeals. Representation of public utilities, financial institutions, manufacturers, and construction contractors. Assisted clients in "best practice" claims handling. Communicated with clients to provide full understanding and participation. Pro bono representation through the Allegheny County Protection From Abuse (PFA) Program.

Associate Attorney, Summers, McDonnell, Walsh & Skeel, L.L.P., Pittsburgh, PA – 1997 – 2001

Represented and counseled clients in arbitration hearings, jury and bench trials and various court proceedings. Performed legal research and drafted pleadings, motions, briefs, memoranda, and correspondence. Planned and conducted depositions and discovery. Evaluated cases, negotiated settlements, and performed other functions with firm specializing in civil defense litigation.

EDUCATION:

Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA
J.D., 1997
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
B.A. English, Business Minor, 1994, *With Distinction* (Top 12% of Class)
(Golden Key National Honor Society, Alpha Chi Omega)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania, 1997
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 1997
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2005
West Virginia, 2012 (Inactive)
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, 2012
Ohio, 2012 (Inactive)
U.S. Supreme Court, 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA); ACBA Board of Governors; ACBA Civil Litigation Section Member/Past Chair; ACBA Labor & Employment Law Section Member/Past Council; ACBA Women in the Law Division Member/Past Council; Allegheny County Bar Foundation (ACBF) Fellow; Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA); PBA House of Delegates – Zone 12; Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC); Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) Fellow; Western Pennsylvania CLM Chapter Founding President; Litigation Management Institute (LMI) Graduate and Certified Litigation Management Professional (CLMP); Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM); SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP); Transit Labor Exchange (TLE) Board Member; Defense Research Institute (DRI); Mt. Lebanon Mainline Homeowner's Association Past Board President; and Mt. Lebanon Montessori School and Academy Past Board President.

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS:

“Equal Opportunity Training for Management,” *In-House Presentation to Management of Port Authority of Allegheny County*, December 2021

“Union Bargaining and Year Review,” *Transit Labor Exchange Annual Meeting Presentation*, Denver, CO, October 2021

“Union Bargaining and Year Review,” *Transit Labor Exchange Annual Meeting Presentation*, Atlanta, GA, October 2019

“Social and Digital Media Training,” *In-House Presentation to Management of Port Authority of Allegheny County*, February 2019

“Understanding the Collective Bargaining System,” *In-House Presentation to Management of Port Authority of Allegheny County*, January 2019

“Effective Attorney-Client Communication with In-House Counsel,” *ACBA Civil Litigation Section Practice Tip*, October 2018

“Union Bargaining and Year Review,” *Transit Labor Exchange Annual Meeting Presentation*, Portland, OR, October 2018

“Sexual Harassment in the Era of #MeToo,” *In-House Presentation to Management of Port Authority of Allegheny County*, May 2018

“Union Bargaining and Year Review,” *Transit Labor Exchange Annual Meeting Presentation*, Savannah, GA, October 2017

“Union Bargaining and Year Review,” *Transit Labor Exchange Annual Meeting Presentation*, Santa Fe, NM, October 2016

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS CONT.:

“Dealing with Discipline,” *In-House Presentation to Management of Port Authority of Allegheny County*, February 2016

“Union Bargaining and Year Review,” *Transit Labor Exchange Annual Meeting Presentation*, Philadelphia, PA, October 2015

“Employment Discrimination and Harassment,” *The Institute for Paralegal Education Newsletter*, September 2015

“Building Skills in the Workplace,” *In-House Presentation with Office of Equal Opportunity to Employees of Port Authority of Allegheny County*, February & March 2015

“Union Bargaining and Year Review,” *Transit Labor Exchange Annual Meeting Presentation*, Austin, TX, October 2014

“Grievance Arbitrations,” *In-House Presentation to Management of Port Authority of Allegheny County*, June 2014

“Ethical Considerations,” *National Business Institute Successfully Litigating Employment Discrimination Seminar Presentation*, March 2014

“Recent Developments Impacting Ethical Obligations and a Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board Review,” *ACBA Civil Litigation Section Continuing Legal Education Program*, Course Planner & Moderator, February 2013

“If You’re Prepared to Be Sued, You’re Less Likely to Be Sued,” *National Business Institute Employment Laws Made Simple Seminar Presentation*, December 2012

“Social Media and Discovery in Litigation,” *SGMA: Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association’s In Brief*, August 2012

“What’s the Risk: Seeking Additional Insured Status Protection,” *Litigation Management Magazine*, Spring 2012

“Disability Discrimination Claims,” *National Business Institute Employment Discrimination Law Seminar Presentation*, December 2011

“A Paralegal’s Key to Unlocking Medical Records for Use in Litigation,” *The Institute for Paralegal Education Webinar Presentation*, August 2011

“Top Ten Things to Do When You Receive a Reservation of Rights Letter from an Insurer,” *GRB Firm Newsletter*, Summer 2010

“Early Stage Defense of Manufacturers,” *In-House Defense Quarterly*, Winter 2008

“Nursing Homes Attempt to Reduce Litigation Costs through Alternative Dispute Resolution,” *Today’s Attorney*, December 2006