

**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: 2004 Year of Bar Admission: 2004

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 1



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:

Estate Administration, Estate Planning, Orphans' Court Litigation and Taxation

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

Member of the Taxation Section and regularly attend meetings. Past council member of the Probate and Trust Council. Regularly attend council meetings and activities. Regularly attend Bench Bar, happy hours and other ACBA activities.

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:

I believe that being an Orphans' Court practitioner for eighteen years and regularly appearing before the various Orphans' Court Judges who have served throughout that time gives me the requisite experience to evaluate judicial candidates.

Signature Edwin M. Russell Date 2/7/22

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

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## Legal Experience:

### **Partner, Meyer Unkovic & Scott, LLP – May 2021 — Present**

- Representing clients in complex Estate and Trust Administration matters including opening and administering probate estates, marshalling assets, advising on fiduciary tax planning, interpreting estate planning documents, assessing tax implications, drafting family settlement agreements, preparing and presenting formal accountings and preparing estate administration filings with Lackner software
- Drafting sophisticated Wills with Testamentary Trust provisions, Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts, Dynasty Trusts, GRATs, Powers of Attorney, Advanced Health Care Directives and Living Wills
- Representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in litigating estate matters in the Orphans' Court.
- Preparing Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Returns, Federal Estate Tax Returns (Form 706), Federal Gift Tax Returns (Form 709), Fiduciary Income Tax Returns and Personal Income Tax Returns
- Create estate plans for clients, including: designing and implementing wealth transfer strategies and business succession plans, advising clients on establishing domicile in more favorable jurisdictions and drafting estate planning and business organization documents for clients who own real estate in multiple states

### **Associate, Feldstein, Grinberg, Lang & McKee, P.C., September 2014 — May 2021**

- Representing clients in complex Estate and Trust Administration matters including opening and administering probate estates, marshalling assets, advising on fiduciary tax planning, interpreting estate planning documents, assessing tax implications, drafting family settlement agreements, preparing and presenting formal accountings and preparing estate administration filings with Lackner software
- Drafting sophisticated Wills with Testamentary Trust provisions, Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts, Dynasty Trusts, GRATs, Powers of Attorney, Advanced Health Care Directives and Living Wills
- Performing calculations for GRATS, GRUTS, CRUTS and CRATS
- Representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in litigating estate matters in the Orphans' Court.
- Preparing Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Returns, Federal Estate Tax Returns (Form 706), Federal Gift Tax Returns (Form 709), Fiduciary Income Tax Returns and Personal Income Tax Returns
- Representing clients in the formation of private foundations and obtaining 501(c)(3) status
- Maintain a robust caseload affiliated with the firm's Estate, Trust, Tax and Business Transactions practice areas
- Create estate plans for clients, including: designing and implementing wealth transfer strategies and business succession plans, advising clients on establishing domicile in more favorable jurisdictions and drafting estate planning and business organization documents for clients who own real estate in multiple states

**Associate, Minto Law Group, LLC, December 2012 — August 2014**

- Representing clients in complex Estate and Trust Administrations, including multi-million dollar estates
- Drafting sophisticated Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning documents
- Representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in litigating estate matters in the Orphans' Court
- Preparing Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Returns, Federal Estate Tax Returns, Federal Gift Tax Returns, Fiduciary Income Tax Returns and Personal Income Tax Returns
- Formation of entities including limited liability companies, partnerships and corporations
- Representing clients in Tax Controversy matters
- Drafting opinion letters on Taxation law

**Law Office of Edwin W. Russell, 2008 — 2012**

- Representing clients in complex Estate and Trust Administrations, including multi-million dollar estates
- Drafting sophisticated Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning documents
- Representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in litigating estate matters in the Orphans' Court
- Preparing Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Returns, Federal Estate Tax Returns, Federal Gift Tax Returns, Fiduciary Income Tax Returns and Personal Income Tax Returns
- Counsel to landlords in landlord-tenant disputes in court proceedings
- Counsel to landowners in various capacities including: title searches, review and perfection; conveyances and easement disputes; drafting and review of oil and gas leases; deed preparation and closing counsel
- Formation of entities including limited liability companies, partnerships and corporations and related government filings and related agreements

**Associate, Weisel, Xides & Foerster, LLP, 2004-2008**

- Represented clients in Estate Planning and Administration matters
- Represented commercial and residential landlords in landlord tenant actions
- Co-counsel in zoning case successfully litigated through Commonwealth Court proceeding relating to a retail occupancy permit
- Performed various research projects for the Solicitor to a zoning board, various municipalities and homeowners' associations
- Represented creditors in their capacities as mortgagees and lenders of installment land contract loans
- Frequently prepared documents for sheriff and municipal tax sales

**Education:**

- University of Alabama School of Law, LLM in Taxation, 2011
- Duquesne University School of Law, Juris Doctor 2003
- Duquesne University, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1999.