

**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: 2008 Year of Bar Admission: 2008

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**        X        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.

## ACBA Nominating Committee Application

Practice Areas/Courts in which you practice:

Consumer & Commercial Bankruptcy, Creditor's Rights, Workouts/Commercial Loan Recovery, Consumer and Commercial Foreclosure

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

In 2014, I was a member of the ACBA BLI Class, which afforded me the opportunity to get involved with the ACBA on an intimate level. Additionally, I am a member of the ACBA Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section. I've also attended the Bench Bar Conference every year since 2008. I often attend WLD and other ACBA happy hours. I consider the ACBA to be a very integral part of my life.

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:

In 2014-2015, I was a member of the Wilkesburg School Board. As a member of the School Board, my duties included: (i) maintaining governance standards; (ii) managing the superintendent, (iii) encouraging ongoing education; (iv) reviewing the established policies on a regular basis to determine whether changes were necessary and incorporating relevant data whenever possible to ensure objectivity; (v) evaluating policy implementation; and (vi) reviewing budgeting and finance, including approving bills and establishing spending priorities.

As a member of the School Board, I had to make some politically sensitive decisions while doing what I felt was best for the School District and the community as a whole. I learned the importance of listening to the public and my peers, while balancing what was best for the students. I feel that, coupled with my experience as a practicing bankruptcy attorney, my experience serving on a School Board prepared me to evaluate candidates for judicial office.

Signature



Date

2/9/22

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

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Grenen & Birsic, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA**

**January 2020 – Present**

*Associate Attorney, Creditor's Rights, Bankruptcy and Foreclosure*

Represent local and national banks in consumer and commercial bankruptcy proceedings.

Draft and File motions for relief, proofs of claim, objections to Chapter 13 and Chapter 11 Plans, responses to adversary complaints.

Make formal appearances in federal and state court proceedings. Negotiate settlements with opposing counsel and trustees.

Draft Objections to Chapter 11 Disclosure Statements.

Represent banks in lien avoidance actions, valuations of property, and determinations of secured status.

Represent banks at foreclosure conciliation hearings, sheriff's sales and 2004 Examinations.

Draft and prosecute foreclosure and title claim actions.

Draft loan documentation for real estate closings.

Perform legal research and drafted memoranda on foreclosure and bankruptcy topics.

Negotiate workouts on behalf of banks and draft forbearance agreements.

**The Bank of New York Mellon, Pittsburgh, PA**

**August 2018 – December 2019**

*Vice President – Corporate Trust - Default Administration Group*

Analyze accounts that are in Default, Guarded, or Bankruptcy Status.

Review corporate and municipal Indentures and Loan Agreements to determine the duties of BNY Mellon as Trustee.

Draft notices to Bondholders and Issuers delineating events of default.

Serve in fiduciary capacity for Bondholders.

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania**

**May 2017 – August 2018**

*Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Carlota M. Böhm*

Research points of law and review facts in evidence to provide Bankruptcy Court Judge with information material to judicial conclusions.

Research and analyze sections of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

Draft orders in response to motions submitted to the Bankruptcy Court.

Attend and observe hearings.

Assist the Judge in drafting memorandum opinions and orders.

**Clark Hill PLC, Pittsburgh, PA, AmLaw 200 Law Firm**

**June 2012 -- May 2017**

*Attorney, Real Estate, Bankruptcy, Financial Restructuring, Creditor's Rights*

Manage complex commercial litigation in federal, state and bankruptcy proceedings.

Work on significant commercial real estate cases, including reviewing complex commercial loan documents, title reports and bringdowns.

Draft contracts and supporting documentation for the purchase and sale of real property as well as commercial and residential leases.

Work on commercial real estate foreclosure cases, including properties with federal tax liens.

Serve as counsel to business debtors, creditors, creditors' committees and equity holders in a wide range of litigation and insolvency proceedings, including complex commercial litigation, domestic voluntary (and involuntary) bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings, and out-of-court workouts.

Represent clients in connection with bankruptcy litigation matters involving fraudulent transfers, "preferential" transfers, fraud actions, director and officer liability cases and breach of fiduciary duty cases.

Provide clients with real-world, practical business solutions to any insolvency situation.

Represent banks and mortgage companies in commercial loan financing, secured transactions, commercial loan restructuring and workout transactions.

Represent clients in quiet title actions.

Manage cross-county confession of judgment litigation within workout settings.

Make formal appearances in bankruptcy courts and state court. Negotiate settlements with opposing counsel and trustees.

Review loan agreements, security agreements and UCC filings within bankruptcy and work-out settings.

Represent banks and mortgage companies in commercial and consumer foreclosure, receivership and confession of judgment actions.

**Grenen & Birsic, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA**

**August 2010 – June 2012**

*Associate Attorney, Creditor's Rights, Litigation, Real Estate & Bankruptcy*

Represented local and national banks in Pennsylvania litigation and bankruptcy proceedings.

Drafted and Filed motions for relief, proofs of claim, objections to Chapter 13 and Chapter 11 Plans and responses to adversary complaints.

Made formal appearances in federal and state court proceedings. Negotiate settlements with opposing counsel and trustees.

Drafted Objections to Chapter 11 Disclosure Statements.

Reviewed and defended motions to hold banks in contempt for failure to abide with discharge orders.

Represented banks in lien avoidance actions, valuations of property, and determinations of secured status.

Represented banks at foreclosure conciliation hearings, sheriff's sales and 2004 Examinations.

Drafted and prosecuted foreclosure and title claim actions.

Drafted loan documentation for real estate closings.

Performed legal research and drafted memoranda on foreclosure and bankruptcy topics.

**PNC Bank, Pittsburgh, PA**

**February 2010 – July 2010**

*Default Analyst - Attorney Relations / Bankruptcy Department*

Analyzed PNC accounts that were in active bankruptcy.

Filed relief from stay documents, objections to Chapter 13 plans, proofs of claim, reaffirmation agreements and responses to §506 actions.

Corresponded with attorneys regarding debtor delinquency, relief from automatic stay, Chapter 13 plans and motions to avoid liens.

**Kirkland & Ellis, LLP – Chicago, IL**

**2006 – May 2008**

*Compliance/Conflicts Analyst (while attending law school part-time)*

**Jenner & Block – Chicago, IL**

**2003 – 2005**

*Paralegal Assistant (while attending law school part-time)*

**McDermott, Will & Emery, LLP -- Chicago, IL**

**2002 – 2003**

*Legal Assistant to Head of Litigation Dept.*

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**EDUCATION**

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**DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL**

*J.D., 2008*

**Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA**

*B.A., 2000, French & Environmental Studies*

**The Ellis School, Pittsburgh, PA**

*High School, 1996*

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

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**Pennsylvania (2008)**

**U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2008)**

**U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2011)**

**U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania (2011)**

**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2014)**

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## MEMBERSHIPS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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**Elected to Wilkinsburg School Board Position for 2015-2017 Term**

**Former Council Member, Young Lawyer's Division ("YLD") of Allegheny County Bar Association**

**Council Member, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section Council, Allegheny County Bar Association**

**Member, Turnaround Management Association, Pittsburgh Chapter**

**Former Treasurer, International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation ("IWIRC"), PA Chapter**

**Member, Western District of PA Bankruptcy Inns of Court**

**ACBA Bar Leadership Initiative ("BLI") Member in 2014**