

## 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.

Name: John C. Scialabba

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Year you became a member of the ACBA: 2017 Year of Bar Admission: 2017

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**        4   Two (2) seats available

**Court Seats**                      (Five (5) seats available)

Appellate Court        3  

Civil Court                      \_\_\_\_\_

Criminal Court                      \_\_\_\_\_

Family Court                        1  

Elder Law and

Probate & Trust                      \_\_\_\_\_

**Diverse Seats**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Three (3) seats available\*

**Young Lawyer**        2   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:

**I primarily practice family law with experience in estate litigation and appellate courts.**

**I practice mainly in the Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Westmoreland, Lawrence County Courts of Common Pleas.**

**I also have experience in and arguing in front of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.**

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

**ACBA Family Law Section 2020 through present (Counsel Member 2021 – present [professionalism committee])**

**ACBA Young Lawyers Division**

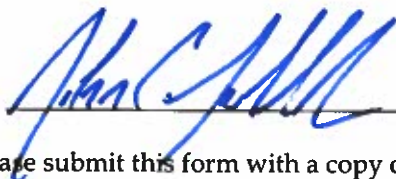
**ACBA Bar Leadership Initiative ([Class of 2019], co-chair of member services 2019 - 2020)**

**ACBA Medical Marijuana and Hemp 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:

**I practice in multiple courts and multiple times per week in front of various judges throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I have appeared before all of the judges in Allegheny County Family Division, Butler County Family Sections and Westmoreland County Family Sections prior to January 2022 (when the new judges came in). I have independently handled motions, depositions, custody hearings, equitable distribution hearings, complex support hearings, protection from abuse hearings, and contempt hearings. I believe that through this experience, I have the ability to assist the Committee in making recommendations for a judge's qualifications in Allegheny County. I have also presented on family law topics, including, but not limited to the ACBA, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.**

Signature



Date

2/8/2022

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

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## John C. Scialabba

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### EDUCATION

**University of Pittsburgh School of Law**, *Pittsburgh, PA*, J.D., May 2017

Admissions: Pennsylvania; U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Honors: American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Award Nordenberg Fellowship; Judge Amy Hay Scholar; Distinguished Public Interest Scholar Award Nominee; University of Pittsburgh School of Law Pro Bono Service Recognition Award; University of Pittsburgh School of Law Community Service Award;

Activities: University of Pittsburgh School of Law Mock Trial Team; Preparation and Argument of Prisoner's Rights Cases in Front of United States District Magistrate; Pitt Legal Income Sharing Foundation, President; National Lawyers Guild; Allegheny County Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; 2015 Pitt Law Negotiation Competition; Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women Human Rights Project

**Pace University**, *New York, NY*, M.S., Adolescent Education, May 2014

Honors: Americorps Grant

Activities: High School Anatomy and Physiology and Living Environment Teacher, New York City Department of Education

**Saint Vincent College**, *Latrobe, PA*, B.S., Biology, May 2012

Honors: Dean's List; Polumbo Grant Recipient; Boyer School Honor Society

Activities: Research/Senior Thesis, Jundiai, Brazil; Student Government Association, Class President; Mission Trip Participant; Sports Friendship Day, Coordinator

### EXPERIENCE

**Frank, Gale, Bails & Pocrass P.C.**, Pittsburgh, PA

*Partner*, May 2021 – Present

*Associate*, October 2018 – May 2021

- Assist in the management and operations of the Firm
- Represent clients in all aspects of divorce, equitable distribution, custody and support matters in Allegheny, Washington, Westmoreland, Beaver, Lawrence and Butler counties
- Represent clients in will disputes in Orphan's Court Division of Allegheny County
- Draft pleadings, briefs and filings in Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas and Superior Court of Pennsylvania

**Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC**, Pittsburgh, PA

*Associate*, April 2018 – October 2018

- Represent clients in all aspects of divorce, equitable distribution, custody and support matters in Allegheny, Washington, Westmoreland, Beaver and Butler counties
- Draft pleadings, briefs and filings in Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas and Superior Court of Pennsylvania

**Strassburger Mckenna Gutnick & Gefsky**, Pittsburgh, PA

*Associate*, September 2017 – April 2018

*Summer Associate/Law Clerk*, May 2016 – April 2017

- Provided legal counsel in the areas of family law, civil litigation, employment law, adoption and criminal law
- Represented clients in pretrial conferences, depositions, motions court, mediations and hearings
- Researched and drafted memoranda and briefs regarding matters of commercial litigation, creditors' rights and insolvency, land disputes, and criminal defense

**University of Pittsburgh School of Law**, Pittsburgh, PA

*Legal Writing and Analysis Teaching Assistant*, August 2015 – May 2017

- Prepared and taught legal research and writing to first year law students including instruction on persuasive writing, objective writing, and oral advocacy

**United States Attorney's Office – Civil Division, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Legal Intern, January 2016 – April 2016*

- Researched and drafted memoranda and briefs regarding veteran's health care issues, medical malpractice, and fraud
- Drafted and compiled jury instructions, motions in limine, responses in opposition to summary judgment motions, and other pre-trial matters

**Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender – Trial Division, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Legal Intern, August 2015 – November 2015*

- Developed cases from intake through resolution, including conducting client interviews and factual investigations, generating cohesive case theories and strategies, and utilizing interdisciplinary consultations
- Negotiated and mediated agreements with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office on behalf of clients

**Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (LACE), Eldoret, Kenya**

*Legal Intern, June 2015 – August 2015*

- Acted as legal aid in gender-based violence prosecutions, defense collection and criminal charges, and family and defamation claims for individuals with HIV/AIDS
- Drafted pleadings and responses including affidavits, contracts, and notice of motions
- Conducted mediations for clients engaged in disputes regarding land succession

**New York City Department of Education, New York, NY**

*NYC Teaching Fellows Teacher, Americorps, June 2012 – July 2014*

- Developed and implemented eleventh grade Anatomy and Physiology and Living Environment curriculum at Hillside Arts and Letters Academy – Jamaica Queens, NYC
- Created and applied unit plans for after-school credit recovery classes for mainstream and special education students in need of additional credits prior to graduation

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Pennsylvania Bar Association: "Case Law Updates,"**

*Pittsburgh, PA, July 2021*

**Pennsylvania Bar Institute: "Case Law Updates,"**

*Pittsburgh, PA, April 2021*

**Allegheny County Bar Association: "Divorce 101,"**

*Pittsburgh, PA, September 2019*

**ACBA Bench Bar Conference: "Finding Success in Workplace Interactions,"**

*Seven Springs, PA, July 2019*

**University of Pittsburgh School of Law Alumni Panel: "The Foundations of Professionalism,"**

*Pittsburgh, PA, August 2018, 2019*

**COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

- UPMC Pittsburgh Half Marathon; *Participant*, 2015, 2016
- Brooklyn Half Marathon; *Participant*, 2013
- Latrobe Community Meals; *Volunteer*, 2009 – 2012
- Habitat for Humanity; *Volunteer*, 2008 – 2012