

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: 2016 (estimate) 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 _____

Civil Court 1

Criminal Court _____

Family Court _____

Elder Law and _____

Probate & Trust _____

Diverse Seats 2 Three (3) seats available*

Young Lawyer 3 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:


Commercial litigation in state and federal courts. Types of matters include intellectual property, breach of contract, insurance coverage, restrictive covenants, and general business disputes.

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

From 2019-2021, I served as a member (and later, treasurer) of the ACBA Workers' Compensation Section. During that time, I participated in regular Section meetings, oversaw budget management and fundraising efforts, and sat on numerous CLE panels. Since 2020, I have also been a member of the LGBTQ+ Rights 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:

Beyond the practice of law, I believe my leadership experience in community boards is relevant to the evaluation of candidates for judicial office. More specifically, I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corporation (the parent company of WESA-FM and WYEP-FM) and I am a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's New Leadership Council. Both of these positions involve constant conversations about community, justice, and how both law and industry intersect to impact our lives. Being involved in the oversight of WESA-FM (Pittsburgh's local NPR affiliate), I am regularly reminded of the trust our citizens place in the law and judges--and the fallout that occurs when that trust is perceived to have been broken. If chosen to serve on the Judiciary Committee, I will bring those experiences and lessons with me when evaluating candidates for judicial office, and ensure that we are posing the right questions to future leaders. Ultimately, through their answers, we must be confident in the abilities, temperament, fairness, and awareness of our judges.

Signature  _____ Date 02/09/2022

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

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

J.D., May 2017

CALI Award: Workers' Compensation Practicum, Spring 2017

Activities: Class Vice President

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

B.A., Politics, May 2013

Activities: Pre-Law Society, Mock Trial

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania, 2017

West Virginia, 2018

EMPLOYMENT

Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP, Pittsburgh, PA

Associate, June 2021 – Present

Thomas, Thomas & Hafer LLP, Pittsburgh, PA

Associate, October 2017 – May 2021

Law Clerk, February 2017 – September 2017

The Honorable David B. Torrey, Pittsburgh, PA

Academic Research Assistant, 2016-2017

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor & Industry, Pittsburgh, PA

Intern, First Quarter 2017

Quatrini Rafferty, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk, May 2015 – December 2016

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Rising Star Award, American Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section, 2020

AFFILIATIONS

Allegheny County Bar Association

- Member, LGBT Rights Committee, 2020 – Present
- Treasurer, Workers' Compensation Section, 2019 – 2021

Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corporation (WESA-FM), Board Member, 2022 – Present

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, New Leadership Council, Member, 2021 – Present

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Contributing Editor, Volumes 6, 7, 8, and 9, West's Pennsylvania Practice, *Workers' Compensation: Law & Practice* (by D. Torrey & A. Greenberg), 2018 – 2021

Coauthor, Recent Developments in Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Law, *ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Journal*, 2018 – 2021

Assistant Editor, *PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section Newsletter*, 2019 – 2021

Lead Author and Administrator, *PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section New Case ListServ*, 2019 – 2021

Reflections on World AIDS Day: An Early Work-Related Encounter by a Physician with His Own HIV Infection and How Pennsylvania Law Compensates the Disease Today, *PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section Newsletter*, Vol. VII, No. 136 (December 2018)

Nursing the Wound: The Law and Ethics of Disability Management in Workers' Compensation, *PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section Newsletter*, Vol. VII, No. 133 (March 2018)

Foreign and Undocumented Workers: Eligibility, Law Addressing Return to Work, and Related Issues, *ABA Workers' Compensation Midwinter Seminar and Conference*, Phoenix, Arizona (March 2017)

An Apple a Day: Compensability of Medical Monitoring Claims Under the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act, *PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section Newsletter*, Vol. VII, No. 129 (March 2017)

From the Glass Lined Tanks of Old Latrobe: 30 Years of Pawlosky, *PBA Workers' Compensation Law Section Newsletter*, Vol. VII, No. 129 (March 2017)

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workers' Compensation Annual Conference, Workers' Compensation and the Gig Economy, Speaker, June 2021

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Advanced Torts, Guest Lecturer, March 10, 2021

Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workers' Compensation Annual Conference, Nursing the Wound: The Law and Ethics of Disability Management in Workers' Compensation, Speaker, June 2019

Workers' Comp Matters, Legal Talk Network, Interviewee, 2017 and 2018