

**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: 2007 Year of Bar Admission: 2007

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.

## ACBA Nominating Committee Application

Practice Areas/Courts in which you practice:

I am a legal aid attorney with a statewide Medicaid practice; when I handle hearings they are before the Department of Human Services Bureau of Hearings & Appeals. My work primarily involves advising and representing applicants for Medical Assistance/recipients of Medical Assistance on eligibility and access to service matters. I previously had a more general legal aid practice at Neighborhood Legal Services, practicing in the Family Court, Court of Common Pleas, and the Western District Bankruptcy Court.

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

I am the current chair of the ACBA/ACBF Public Service Committee and previously served as vice-chair. Prior to becoming vice-chair I had been an active member of the Public Service Committee. In my role as the chair of the Public Service Committee, I also sit on the administrative board of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership. I am also an ACBF Fellow, and chair the ACBF grants committee.

Prior to leaving Neighborhood Legal Services in August 2018, I was an active member of the Elder Law Committee and Social Security Committees and am still a member of those committees. I also served on the administrative board of the Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership for the last several years I worked at NLS.

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  Date 2/9/2022

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

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## BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Bar admissions:** Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, October 2007; Western District of PA, February 2008
- Bar memberships:** Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA); Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA)
- Bar activities:** Chair – ACBA Public Service Committee  
Chair – ACBF Grants Committee  
Member – Social Security Practitioners Committee, Committee on Law and Disability, and Elder Law Committee (ACBA)  
Member – Legal Services to the Public Committee, Elder Law Section (PBA)  
2016 YLD Outstanding Young Lawyer Awardee  
2013 PBF Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year Awardee  
2012 ACBF Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Awardee  
Allegheny County Bar Foundation Fellow

## EXPERIENCE

### **Pennsylvania Health Law Project, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Supervising Attorney*

December 2019 – present

*Staff Attorney*

August 2018 – December 2019

- Advise clients on eligibility for public health insurance programs, including Medicaid, CHIP and Medicare.
- Represent clients in denials, terminations, and reductions in Medicaid services/insurance.
- Manage funding relationships with grantors, complete grant proposals, work plans, reports and billing for three grants.
- Work with Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI) program to provide training and assistance to PA MEDI staff and volunteers on issues relevant to low-income Medicare beneficiaries.
- Develop and write newsletter articles and fact sheets for consumers, advise and train health care providers, social workers, legal aid attorneys and other community organizations working directly with consumers on public health insurance issues.
- Supervise legal work of PHLP's Pittsburgh office staff.

### **Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Staff Attorney*

September 2007 – August 2018

- Advised and represented clients in denials, terminations and overpayments of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability benefits, seniors with civil legal needs through NLSA's Elder Law Project and victims of domestic violence seeking Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders
- Handled subsidized housing, public housing and illegal lockout matters, bankruptcies, and unemployment compensation cases; worked in NLSA's medical-legal partnership with the Children's Primary Care Center to provide legal assistance to low-income patients facing legal challenges.
- Supervised PFA interns in court and co-managed summer landlord-tenant internship program, with primary responsibility for the Gallery Crawl project.

*Certified Legal Intern*

January 2006 – August 2007

- Interviewed, advised and represented clients in PFA, landlord-tenant and consumer debt matters.

**Civil Practice Clinic, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Certified Legal Intern*

August 2006 – June 2007

- Provided advice and representation to indigent elderly clients in legal matters including guardianship, preparation of simple wills, financial and healthcare powers of attorney, and other elder law matters.

**Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Certified Legal Intern*

July – August 2006

- Prepared divorce pleadings; interviewed clients and negotiated final PFA orders; researched support issues

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

*Research Assistant* to Professor Welsh S. White

May – September 2005

- Researched police interrogation issues; reviewed and prepared footnotes; edited book index

**EDUCATION**

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

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2007; GPA: 3.6; *The Pittsburgh Journal of Environmental & Public Health Law*, Articles Editor

Honors: ACBA 2005 Law Student Pro Bono Award

Order of the Coif ▪ Public Interest Scholarship ▪ PLISF Grant ▪ Law Alumni Scholarship

Activities: Pitt Law Women's Association ▪ Pitt Legal Income Sharing Foundation

Pitt Women's Choral Ensemble ▪ OUTlaw

Externship: Pittsburgh Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center, May – August 2005

**College of Wooster, Wooster, OH**

B.A. in Anthropology, *magna cum laude*, May 2003; GPA: 3.9; Minor in Women's Studies

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa ▪ College Scholar Award