

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: 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

ACBA Nominating Committee Application

Practice Areas/Courts in which you practice:

Practice Areas: Bankruptcy; ERISA/Withdrawal Liability; Data/Cybersecurity/Intellectual Property
Courts: United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania;
United States District Court for the Western, Middle, and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania; Court of
Common Pleas; Commonwealth Court

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

Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, Council Member (2013-Present)
ACBA Membership Committee, Member (2021-Present)
Allegheny County Bar Foundation Fellow (2014-Present)
Young Lawyers' Division, Council Member (2013-2018), Secretary (2014-2017)

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

2/17/2022

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

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Maribeth Thomas

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Strategic Energy, L.L.C.

Law Clerk, Legal Department

Pittsburgh, PA

May 2007–May 2008

- ◆ Researched and wrote legal memoranda for corporation's in-house counsel
- ◆ Drafted policy statements to be included in employee handbook
- ◆ Prepared pleadings, motions, discovery requests, interrogatories and client correspondence
- ◆ Conducted document review and due diligence

Musculoskeletal Research Center, University of Pittsburgh

Biomedical Orthopaedic Research Engineer

Pittsburgh, PA

2001–2004

- ◆ Wrote scientific manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed journals
- ◆ Directed an average of 10 graduate students and fellows per year on the implementation of scientific protocols for research
- ◆ Managed and maintained daily laboratory operations
- ◆ Orally presented work at national and international conferences

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Allegheny County Bar Association

2008–Present

- ◆ Allegheny County Bar Foundation Fellow, 2014–Present
- ◆ Finance Committee, 2014–2017
- ◆ Young Lawyers' Division, Council Member, 2013–Present (Secretary, 2014–2017)
- ◆ Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, Council Member, (2013–Present)
- ◆ Bar Leadership Initiative Class, 2011–2012

The Junior League of Pittsburgh

2003–Present

- ◆ President, Board of Directors, June 2020–May 2021
- ◆ President-Elect, Executive Council and Board of Directors, June 2019–May 2020
- ◆ Executive Council and Board of Directors, Secretary, June 2017–May 2019
- ◆ Board of Directors, Fund Development Director, 2016–2017 (Managed three committees to plan and implement large scale fundraising events in the Pittsburgh community)
- ◆ Special Events Committee, Co-Chair, 2011–2013 (Collaborated with other local organizations to plan social and networking events for League members and organized monthly membership meetings)
- ◆ Retention Advisor, 2010–2013 (Worked with individual League members to ensure a positive League experience and to field questions regarding membership requirements)

Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh

2015–2021

- ◆ Young Professional Associate Board Member

The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

2015–2018

- ◆ Young Professional Ambassador

Pittsburgh Chapter of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Alumnae Association

2013–Present

- ◆ Secretary, 2014–2017

The Judith K. Fitzgerald Western Pennsylvania Bankruptcy American Inn of Court

2011–Present

BAR ADMISSION

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Admitted

October 2008

The Western District of Pennsylvania, Admitted

October 2008

The Middle District of Pennsylvania, Admitted

November 2021

The Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Admitted

December 2020

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Bankruptcy attorney with thirteen years of practice in various settings. Exceptional legal research, writing, and drafting skills. Actively holds numerous leadership roles in both professional and service organizations. Skilled at managing personnel and leading teams of professionals.

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Pittsburgh, PA

J.D., May 2008

Legal Writing Grade: A • Area of Focus: Intellectual Property Law

Journal of Technology Law and Policy, Lead Research Editor

Honors & Activities: Appellate Moot Court Competition (Semi-Finalist, Board Member) • Semester Honors (Fall 2007 and Spring 2008) • CALI Excellence for the Future Award (Media Law)

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

B.S. in Bioengineering, April 2001

Sigma Sigma Sigma National Sorority, Treasurer

EXPERIENCE

Tucker Arensberg, P.C.

Pittsburgh, PA

Senior Associate, Insolvency and Creditors' Rights

June 2018–Present

- ◆ Represent creditors, including financial institutions and commercial lenders, in collection matters in both state court and federal bankruptcy court
- ◆ Present motions and oral arguments in federal bankruptcy court and state court
- ◆ Draft pleadings, briefs, and memoranda
- ◆ Also practices in the Litigation Group (federal ERISA litigation) and Data/Cybersecurity/Intellectual Property Group

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh, PA

Deputy Law Clerk, The Honorable Patricia McCullough

July 2017–June 2018

- ◆ Research complex legal issues and draft appellate court opinions, orders, and memoranda

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk, The Honorable Gregory L. Taddonio

July 2013–July 2017

- ◆ Research complex legal issues and draft bankruptcy law opinions, orders, and memoranda
- ◆ Manage Court's large-volume case load and docket
- ◆ Supervise and manage student interns
- ◆ Experience with Chapter 11, Chapter 13, Chapter 12, and Chapter 7 cases

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk, The Honorable Judith K. Fitzgerald

October 2009–June 2011; February 2013–May 2013

- ◆ Assisted with complex chapter 11 caseload for cases pending in Delaware, the Virgin Islands, and the Western District of Pennsylvania
- ◆ Researched and drafted bankruptcy law opinions, orders, and memoranda

Bernstein-Burkley, P.C.

Pittsburgh, PA

Associate Attorney

June 2011–January 2013

- ◆ Managed and participated in all aspects of chapter 11 bankruptcy matters
- ◆ Drafted commercial and financial documents, including workout agreements
- ◆ Drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs
- ◆ Presented motions before the United States Bankruptcy Court

Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas

New Castle, PA

Law Clerk, The Honorable Thomas M. Piccione

October 2008–October 2009

- ◆ Researched and drafted civil and criminal law opinions, orders and memoranda
- ◆ Extensive experience applying state statutes and rules, including the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence
- ◆ Served as an arbitrator on arbitration panels

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PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Issues Arising in Restaurant, Retail, and Commercial Bankruptcies due to COVID-19. ACBA 33rd Annual Bankruptcy Symposium, December 2020.

In re Titus: A Discussion of the Current State of Entireties Law in Pennsylvania. ACBA 32nd Annual Bankruptcy Symposium, December 2019.

Managing the High-Profile Case – Part 2: How to Communicate with the Media. ACBA 27th Annual Bankruptcy Symposium, December 2014.

Essentials of Chapter 13 Practice. PBI 20th Annual Bankruptcy Institute, October 2015.

Stern v. Marshall: Have we figured out what it means? PBI 17th Annual Bankruptcy Institute, Pittsburgh, September 2012.

Kilger, Robert H.P.; Stehle, Jens; Fisk, Jesse A.; Thomas, Maribeth; Miura; Kazutomo; Woo, Savio L-Y. *Anatomical Double-Bundle Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction After Valgus High Tibial Osteotomy: A Biomechanical Study.* Am. J. Sports Med. 34(6) (2007):961-67.

Kilger, Robert H.P.; Thomas, Maribeth; Hanford, Scott; Alaseirlis, Dimosthensis A.; Paessler, Hans H.; Woo, Savio L-Y. *The Effectiveness of Reconstruction of the Anterior Cruciate Ligament Using the Novel Knot/Press-Fit Technique.* Am. J. Sports Med. 33(6) (2005): 856-63.

Song, Y.; Debski, Richard E.; Musahl, Volker; Thomas, Maribeth; Woo, Savio L-Y. *A three-dimensional finite element model of the human anterior cruciate ligament: a computational analysis with experimental validation.* Journal of Biomechanics; 37.3 (2004): 383-90.

Thomas, Maribeth; Moore, Susan M.; Takakura, Yoshi; Debski, Richard E.; Woo, Savio L-Y. *Can assessing the 6-degree of freedom kinematics of the knee during the anterior drawer test improve clinical diagnosis of a partially torn anterior cruciate ligament?* ASME Summer Bioengineering Conference, 25-29 June 2003, Key Biscayne, FL, pp. 455-456.

Thomas, Maribeth; Moore, Susan M.; Takakura, Yoshi; Debski, Richard E.; Woo, Savio L-Y. *Can assessing the 6-degree of freedom kinematics of the knee during the anterior drawer test improve clinical diagnosis of a partially torn anterior cruciate ligament?* Orthopaedic Research Society, New Orleans, LA, Paper #0125 (49th Annual Meeting of the ORS).