

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: 2005 Year of Bar Admission: 2005

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 _____

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:

Corporate Governance
Closely Held Businesses
Family Law

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

During the last five years, it has been my honor to serve the ACBA in the following leadership capacities:

- 2021-22 - Co-Chair, *ad hoc* Gender Equality Survey Committee; Immediate Past Chair, Women in the Law Division
- 2020-21 - Chair, Women in the Law Division; Member (ex officio) Board of Governors
- 2019-20 - Member, Judiciary Committee; Chair Elect, Women in the Law Division
- 2018-19 - Member, Judiciary Committee; Vice Chair, ADR Committee; Co-Chair, Collaborative Law Committee
- 2017-18 - Vice Chair, Collaborative Law Committee; Vice Chair, ADR Committee

I am also honored to have served as a member of several ACBA committees, including the *ad hoc* committee to Examine Police Use of Force and Court Rules for Bail, Probation, and Incarceration (appointed 2020-present), Administration of Law Subcommittee; the *ad hoc* 150th Anniversary Committee, the Gender Equality Committee, the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, the ALLY Initiative Committee, the Bench-Bar Programming Committee, and others. And, I am a very proud graduate of the 2018 WILL Program!

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 February 2, 2022

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

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MARY MCKINNEY FLAHERTY

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FRANK, GALE, BAILS & POCRASS, P.C.

Pittsburgh, PA

Of Counsel

2016 – Present

- Primary areas of practice
 - Family – Litigate and mediate complex equitable distribution and business valuation, pre- and postnuptial agreements.
 - Closely-held businesses – Advise closely held businesses on succession and exit planning, resolution of disputes.
 - Corporate Governance – Act as outside general counsel to early-stage companies, coordinating private placement, talent acquisition and management, executive compensation, investor relations, negotiation of supplier contracts, IP protection, risk management, real estate acquisition, corporate governance, government legal relations, strategic acquisitions.
 - Pro Bono – *Protection from Abuse Project*, Neighborhood Legal Services Association; *Name Change Project*, Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund

MCKINNEY PROPERTIES – MCKINNEY POINT ASSET MANAGEMENT

Pittsburgh, PA

Vice President

2012 – 2015

- Managed family office overseeing trusts benefitting passive equity owners of real estate assets and partnerships.
- Implemented new structures for family governance, family investment decisionmaking, and charitable giving.

REED SMITH LLP

Pittsburgh, PA

Senior Associate – Financial Services Litigation, Insurance Recovery

2010-12

- Represented safety equipment manufacturer in insurance coverage for products liability claims.
- Defended national bank association in state and federal actions arising out of losses incurred by clients of the bank association's securities lending program.
- Defended national bank in state and federal actions arising out of mortgage-backed securities investments.

COVINGTON & BURLING, LLP

Washington, DC

Associate – Pharmaceutical Litigation and Investigations, Insurance Recovery

2007-10

- Represented food manufacturer in obtaining insurance coverage related to a product recall.
- Defended pharmaceutical manufacturer in industry-wide pricing fraud lawsuits.
- Defended pharmaceutical manufacturer in federal investigation of manufacturing processes and in *qui tam* litigation.
- Pro Bono: Obtained release of two Yemeni citizens detained at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk to the Hon. Joseph F. Weis, Jr.

2005 – 2007

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Chicago, IL

Master of Business Administration, *with High Honors*

2019-2021

Coursework in finance, strategy, behavioral economics, and marketing.

- *Amy and Richard F. Wallman Scholar* – GPA in top 5% of graduating class
- *Poets & Quants “2021 Best and Brightest EMBA’s”* – Upon nomination of the Dean, named one of two Chicago Booth students who “personify excellence through their contributions to the class, academic performance, extracurricular involvement, professional achievement, and personal intangibles.”
- *Member*, Student Council – elected by classmates as one of 6 members of student governing council
- *Becker “Master Negotiator” Award Recipient* – awarded to top scorer in Negotiations class
- *Finalist*, Social New Venture Challenge – Booth-wide competition, awarded for Ponté, a prototype AI-driven tech platform that bridges the gap between individuals struggling with addiction and the resources available to them.

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EDUCATION (cont.)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL

Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor

2002-05

- *Articles Editor, Production Editor*, The University of Chicago Legal Forum, “Public and Private Faces of Family Law”
- *Research Assistant*, Professor Cass Sunstein’s Chicago Judges Project
- *Teaching Assistant*, Professor Gerald Rosenberg’s “Law and Politics: U.S. Courts as Political Institutions”

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, English and History (with departmental honors)

1998-02

- *General Manager and Director of Operations*, Vital Vittles Grocery Store, The Students of Georgetown, Incorporated

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE

Pittsburgh, PA

Chair, Board of Directors

2020 – 22 term

Member, Board of Directors

2014 – Present

- Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Committee (2015-2020) - Led organization to successful completion of \$8 million building expansion, \$20 million capital campaign, and successful collaborations with Dance Theatre of Harlem.
- Co-Chair, Artistic Director Search Committee (2019-2020) – Led search for successor to director of 25 years.
 - In conjunction with international search firm, led stakeholder surveying and interview process, wrote organization history, led drafting of position description, negotiated executive contract.
- Governance Committee – Led redraft of by-laws, creation of committee descriptions, policies, and procedures.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Pittsburgh, PA

Member

2005 - present

Various Leadership Roles

2018 – Present

- Immediate Past Chair, ACBA Women in the Law Division (elected, Chair, 2020-21 Term) – Led division of app. 2,000 attorneys creating opportunities for career advancement and development and advocating for equity in the administration and practice of law.
- Co-Chair, 2021 Gender Equality Task Force Survey Committee (appointed) (2021-present) – Conducting third 15-year survey on the advancement and experience of women and other underrepresented populations in the legal profession in Pittsburgh.
- Graduation speaker, ACBA Women’s Institute for Leadership in Law (elected, 2018 Cohort)
- Member, ACBA Judiciary Committee (elected, 2018-21 term)
- Member, ACBA ad hoc committee to Examine Police Use of Force and Court Rules for Bail, Probation, and Incarceration, Administration of Law Subcommittee (appointed 2020-present)

SELECTED LEADERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania (*Board of Directors*, 2018-21 term)
- 5023 Frew Street (*Vice President*, Board of Directors; *Chair*, Building Committee, 2020-present)
 - Drafted and conducted first-ever resident survey; Chairing strategic planning efforts
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Co-Chair Spring Hat Luncheon, 2018-22; Vice Chair; 2011-17)
- Carnegie Museum of Art (Women’s Committee, 2017-present)
- Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (Volunteer, 2014-present).
- Keepers of The Pittsburgh Promise (Executive Committee, 2017-present)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

- Licensed to Practice Law in Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia (*Inactive*) and before the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania and United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- Certificate in Mediating Disputes, Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation
- Certificate in Corporate Governance, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania