

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: 2014 Year of Bar Admission: 2015

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** 1

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.

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Practice Areas/Courts in which you practice:

Family Law: Specialized in Juvenile Court/Child Welfare

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

Within the last five years, I have served as a Council Member for both the Homer S. Brown Division and the Family Law Section of the ACBA. In addition, I was a member of the 2016-2017 Bar Leadership Initiative Class. Since August of 2020, I have served as the Homer S. Brown Division Liaison to the Board of Governors in my capacity as both Chair-Elect and Chair of the HSBD. I also am currently co-chairing the ACBA Law Day Committee for the second year.

I am currently a member of the Bench Bar and Ally Initiative Committees. I have also previously been a member of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Lastly, I also served as Co-Chair for the YLD Diversity Committee and have actively participated in the YLD Children in Shelter Gift Drive each year.

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:

N/A

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

J.D., May 2015

GPA: B

Journal of Technology Law & Policy, Staff Editor

Honors: CALI Awards for Family Law Clinic and Mental Health Law

2015 American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Eric D. Turner Award Recipient, Pennsylvania Chapter

Activities: Student Bar Association, Secretary; Black Law Students Association, Secretary; Pitt Law Ambassador

The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

B.A., English, August 2012

EXPERIENCE

KidsVoice, Pittsburgh, PA

Staff Attorney, December 2017—Present

- Advocate for the best interest of neglected and/or abused children by serving as the court-appointed Guardian *ad litem*
- Represent and counsel youth involved in the child welfare system on a diverse range of legal issues
- Utilize a team-centered approach to create positive outcomes for children by collaborating with all relevant stakeholders

Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Pittsburgh, PA

Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellow/Staff Attorney, November 2015—November 2017

- Represented low-income individuals experiencing family, housing and employment crises
- Provided civil legal education to veterans in the Allegheny County Veterans Court

Honorable Kathleen R. Mulligan, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Family Division, Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk, August—October 2015

- Drafted court orders and judicial opinions
- Reviewed support and equitable distribution exceptions

Raphael, Ramsden & Behers, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk, January—July 2015

- Drafted custody and divorce pleadings; Conducted legal research and drafted office memoranda

Honorable Kathryn M. Hens-Greco, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Family Division, Pittsburgh, PA

Judicial Extern, January—May 2015

- Served as tipstaff during juvenile delinquency court proceedings

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant, August 2014—April 2015

- Aided first-year law students in the development of legal writing skills by reviewing drafts and providing feedback

Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Pittsburgh, PA

Gismondi Fellow, May—July 2014

- Interviewed, counseled and represented defendants in landlord-tenant actions

Family Law Clinic, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

Certified Legal Intern, January—December 2014

- Drafted custody pleadings and presented motions through the *pro se* legal clinic

Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Family Division, Pittsburgh, PA

Judicial Extern, June—July 2013

- Revised and reviewed proposed local rules of juvenile court procedure to ensure that the rules complied with the state rules of juvenile court procedure