

**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: 2009 Year of Bar Admission: 2009

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 2

Judiciary Committee 1

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**          2   Two (2) seats available

**Court Seats**                                (Five (5) seats available)

Appellate Court                
Civil Court                  3    
Criminal Court                
Family Court                    
Elder Law and  
Probate & Trust              

**Diverse Seats**          1                          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: Employment litigation

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

- Member, LGBTQ+ Rights Committee (2019-present)
- Appointed Member, Political Action Committee (2018-2021)
- Appointed Member, Bench-Bar Planning Committee
- Member, Young Lawyers Division (2009-2019)
  - Council (2013-2017)
  - Chair, Education Committee (2013-2017)
- Member, Scholarship Committee for the National Trial Advocacy College
- Young Fellow, Allegheny County Bar Foundation

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:

I practice regularly before state and federal judges in Allegheny County and also clerked for a federal district court judge. Buchanan also has appointed me to serve as the Chair of our PRIDE Affinity Group and to serve as a member of our firm's Diversity and Inclusion Council. I believe these experiences make me well-suited for a position on the Judiciary Committee in order to evaluate individuals who exhibit the diversity of thought and background, temperament, civility, ethics, and intellect required to serve our community as judges.

Signature  Date 2/9/22

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

## **Nicholas J. Bell, Esq.**

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### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2009
- United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 2009
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2021

### **EDUCATION**

**Duquesne University, Donahue Graduate School of Business**, Pittsburgh, PA

M.B.A., Joint Degree Program, 2010

Activities: Donahue Business Society

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

J.D., 2009

Activities: Student attorney, Securities Arbitration Practicum

**The Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC

B.A., Political Science, 2006

Honors: *Dean's List*; *Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society*

Activities: Class President, 2005-2006; Class Vice President, 2004-2005; Member, NCAA Division III swim team

### **EXPERIENCE**

**Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC**, Pittsburgh, PA

Associate, 2019-present

- Employment litigator with a focus on complex disputes, including non-competes and restrictive covenants, breach of contract, and claims under Title VII, the FMLA, ADA, ADEA, and similar federal and state statutes
- Experienced advocate for clients at every stage of litigation in federal and state courts, including trial, arbitration, and injunction hearings
- Lead all aspects of discovery, including complex electronic discovery issues, preservation and spoliation, written discovery, depositions, expert witnesses and motions practice
- Perform detailed legal research and case analysis for clients; draft pleadings, dispositive motions and appellate briefs
- Appointed as Chair of firm's PRIDE Affinity Group and serve on firm's Diversity and Inclusion Council
- Participate in recruitment efforts for summer associate program, serve as a mentor to summer associates and assist with the recruitment of diverse candidates

**Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP**, Pittsburgh, PA

Associate, 2011-2019

- Litigator specializing in complex commercial and business disputes, including breach of contract claims and business torts, trade secrets and restrictive covenants, construction disputes, intellectual property protection, oil and gas

disputes, election law and insurance coverage

**Judge Joy Flowers Conti, U.S. District Court, Western District of PA, Pittsburgh, PA**  
Law Clerk, 2010-2011

- Conducted extensive legal research and drafted memoranda as a valuable team member in chambers
- Regularly consulted with and advised the judge on challenging and time-sensitive legal issues
- Assisted the judge in preparing for and conducting civil and criminal hearings and trials, including suppression hearings, complex electronic discovery disputes, motions in limine, pretrial conferences, sentencing hearings, and plea hearings

**Federated Investors, Inc., Legal Department, Pittsburgh, PA**  
Legal Intern, 2008

**Judge Maureen E. Lally-Green, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA**  
Judicial Intern, 2007

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “*Copyright Law Debate Rages Over DMCA Takedowns*,” The Legal Intelligencer, Oct. 7, 2014
- “*DMCA Take-Down Wrestles IP Theft*,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Nov. 12, 2012

**AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Lawyer on the Fast Track, The Legal Intelligencer (2017)
- Graduate, National Trial Advocacy College, University of Virginia School of Law (2017)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer - Rising Star (2015-2021) (Employment Litigation)
- Young Fellow, Allegheny County Bar Foundation (2015 Class)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Member, Pittsburgh Legal Diversity & Inclusion Coalition
  - Member, Recruitment Committee (2022-present)
- Member, Allegheny County Bar Association
  - Member, LGBTQ+ Rights Committee (2019-present)
  - Appointed Member, Political Action Committee (2018-2021 term)
  - Member, Young Lawyers Division
    - Council (2013-2017)
    - Chair, Education Committee (2013-2017)
- Barrister, W. Edward Sell American Inn of Court
  - Member, Executive Committee (2012-present)
  - Co-Chair, Programming Committee (2012-present)

**CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Member, Three Rivers Business Alliance (2019-present)
- Member, The Pennsylvania Society (2017-present)
- Founding Board Member, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Children’s Trust (2015-present)