

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 **X**

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 1 Two (2) seats available

Court Seats (Five (5) seats available)

Appellate Court 4

Civil Court 2

Criminal Court _____

Family Court _____

Elder Law and

Probate & Trust 3

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:

I am a partner in the Commercial Litigation and Fiduciary, Estates and Trusts Litigation Practice Groups of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP. I represent individuals, corporations, beneficiaries, and fiduciaries in all aspects of litigation. In this practice, I most often appear before the Civil Division and the Orphans' Court Divisions of the Courts of Common Pleas. In addition to a significant number of past and present matters pending before the Civil Division and the Orphans' Court Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, I have practiced before the Courts of Common Pleas of Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Butler, Lawrence, Erie, Fayette, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Washington and Westmoreland Counties.

Additionally, my practice includes matters appealed from those courts to the Superior Court, Commonwealth Court, and the Supreme Court. I handle a litigation matter from start to finish, including through any and all available appellate options. I am very familiar with the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, and I have personally prepared and filed various papers authorized under those Rules, including Briefs of Appellants and Appellees, Applications for Reconsideration and Oppositions thereto, and Petitions for Allowance of Appeal and Answers thereto. I have been successful before all three appellate courts.

I have also appeared in various United States District Courts throughout the country, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and various West Virginia Circuit Courts. I have been successful in all these forums.

I handle a broad range of subject matters before these various courts, including disputes arising from the administration of an estate and/or trust, as well as commercial and personal disputes involving contracts, business torts, trade secrets, injunctions, professional liability claims, product liability claims, premises liability claims, antitrust claims, and class actions.

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

I have been a member of the ACBA since 2008 and am a past member of the Young Lawyers Division and the Bar Leadership Initiative. I have previously spoken at Bench-Bar and participated in a number of ACBA golf and social outings.

Over the last five years, I have been a member of the Civil Litigation Section and the Probate and Trust Law Section. I have attended various section meetings, ACBA sponsored CLEs, and I am a long standing participant in the ACBA Children's Gift Drive.

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:

In addition to my litigation experience, I believe that my experience as a leader in our law firm and in the nonprofit community makes me particularly able to evaluate candidates for judicial office.

As a leader in our firm, my responsibilities include evaluating other partners, associates, and support staff on an annual basis. These evaluations include identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities for improvement, and an overall assessment of each individual's fit for their position and ability to accomplish the roles and responsibilities of that particular position.

As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania and the Board of Directors of Lawrenceville United, my responsibilities include evaluating the performance of various officers and engaging in strategic planning towards the future of each organization.

I believe that these experiences will serve me well, if chosen for a position on the Judiciary Committee, in evaluating and offering recommendations on candidates for judicial positions.

Signature *Peter St. Thomas Walff* Date February 9, 2022

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

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PETER ST. TIENNE WOLFF is a partner in the Commercial Litigation and Fiduciary, Estates and Trusts Litigation Practice Groups of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP.

Mr. Wolff focuses on complex commercial and fiduciary matters in the trial and appellate arenas. He has successfully tried cases to juries, judges and arbitration panels, and has obtained favorable results before the Pennsylvania Superior Court and United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Wolff's practice includes fiduciary litigation in the Orphans' Court and matters involving commercial and personal contracts, business torts, trade secrets, injunctions, professional liability, products liability, premises liability, employment, defamation, and requests for information under the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law.

Mr. Wolff is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Allegheny County Bar Associations. He is also a past member of the Bar Leadership Initiative of the ACBA Young Lawyers Division and the West Region Young Lawyers Committee with the Pennsylvania Defense Institute. Mr. Wolff has been selected as a *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star* in the area of Estate & Trust Litigation since 2013 and was recognized by the 2021 *Chambers USA High Net Worth Guide* in Band 1 for his exceptional work in Private Wealth Dispute Law in Pennsylvania. Mr. Wolff was also included in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for his practice in Litigation – Trusts and Estates. He has been honored with the Appreciation Commitment Excellence (A.C.E.) award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western PA for his pro bono legal work.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Wolff was an extern for then-Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy, where he prepared recommendations to grant or deny pending Petitions for Allowance of Appeal, assisted in the drafting of various opinions, and researched various legal issues for the Court.

While in law school, Mr. Wolff participated in the Securities Arbitration Practicum, Business Law Journal, Trial Advocacy and the Corporate Law Society. He also studied abroad in Vatican City, where he studied Roman Law, Canon Law, and The Process of Canonization.

Publications

Wolff, Peter St. Tienne and John R. Brumberg. "Bitcoin, Cryptocurrencies, and Civil Litigation: Seminal Case Summaries and Key Takeaways." *PLI Chronicle: Insights and Perspectives for the Legal Community*, July 06, 2021.

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Wolff, Peter St. Tienne and Michael Morse. "Protecting the Empire: A Practitioner's Primer on the New York False Claims Act," *New York State Bar Association Journal*, February 2010 Vol. 82, No.1.

Wolff, Peter St. Tienne and Michael Morse. "Major Amendments to the Federal False Claims Act," *The Legal Intelligencer* and the *Allegheny County Bar Association Journal*, June 2009.

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

West Virginia

U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court - Western District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court - Southern District of West Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit