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## **23 Pittsburgh Firms, Legal Organizations and Corporate Legal Departments Seeking ‘ALLY’ Certification from ACBA**

*New ACBA Initiative Aims to Help Allegheny Co. Legal Organizations to Become Allies for  
Diversity, Inclusivity and Equitable Workplaces*

**PITTSBURGH** – Twenty-three Pittsburgh-area law firms, legal organizations and corporate legal departments have taken the first step to becoming a certified ALLY for diversity, equity and inclusion.

The Allegheny County Bar Association launched its ‘ALLY Initiative’ late last year. In this context, “ALLY stands for ‘Attorneys Learning as allies, Living as allies and Yielding results.’” The program’s mission is to “engage attorneys and their law firms, corporate legal departments, courts and other legal organizations to commit to increasing inclusivity, creating equitable workplaces, empowering historically marginalized and underrepresented members of the bar, and reflecting the community we serve, through active participation in various key programs and projects targeted to achieve these objectives.”

Specifically, the ALLY Initiative will offer programing and other projects, which will then allow firms and legal departments to earn an official “ACBA ALLY Certification from the bar association.” The ACBA has announced the initial cohort of 23 legal organizations participating in the program:

- Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C.
- Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
- Burns White
- Caroselli Beachler & Coleman, LLC
- Cipriani & Werner, PC
- CLASP
- Dickie McComey & Chilcote
- Fox Rothschild LLP
- Frost Brown Todd
- Jackson Lewis P.C.
- Matis Baum O’Connor
- McElroy Law Firm
- McGuireWoods
- Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, LLP
- Neighborhood Legal Services
- Ogletree Deakins
- Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti, LLP
- Pittsburgh Penguins LP
- Pollock Begg
- Rulis & Bochicchio, LLC

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- Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky
- The Webb Law Firm
- Tucker Arensberg, P.C.

The ALLY Initiative was conceptualized by ACBA President Joseph R. Williams, a partner at family law firm Pollock Begg, who wanted to find a way members of the Pittsburgh Legal Community could tangibly support the cause of increasing diversity within the legal profession in Allegheny County.

“There are many people in the Pittsburgh Legal Community and in society in general, who want to be allies for diversity. They say, ‘I want to help, but what do I do?’” Williams said. “One of the goals of this initiative is to give those who aspire to be allies action items – tangible things they can do – to help the cause.”

Under Williams’ eye, the ALLY Initiative is chaired by attorneys Laura Bunting of Jackson Lewis and Regina Wilson of K&L Gates.

“Every lawyer in our association and those we serve will benefit from a more inclusive legal profession. It shouldn’t be viewed as only benefitting the underrepresented,” Williams said. “Seeing this initiative begin to come together is beyond rewarding.”

For more on the ACBA ALLY Initiative, visit [www.ACBA.org/allyinitiative](http://www.ACBA.org/allyinitiative).

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