



PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION

The CBA wishes to further encourage and increase the active involvement of talented early- and mid-career lawyers from all backgrounds in the leadership and activities of CBA sections. Through the CBA Presidential Fellows Program, Fellows will be matched with a CBA section that aligns with their interests and experience. Within their section, Fellows will have an opportunity to become more involved in the substantive work of the section, serve on the section's executive committee, engage in a key section project or program, and further develop their leadership skills. Fellow appointments are prestigious, and we expect a competitive application process.

Benefits of Being a CBA Presidential Fellow:

- Serve on the executive committee of a section as ex-officio member;
- Be matched with a section executive committee member who will serve as a mentor and advocate, helping the Fellow to be integrated in the leadership of the section;
- Be invited to educational and leadership development events for Fellows at no charge;
- Attend section meetings;
- Become involved in or lead a key section project;
- Present at a section meeting;
- Receive a waiver of all fees for membership in a section and that section's events.

Eligibility and Selection:

The CBA Presidential Fellows Committee reviews all applications and makes selection decisions. To be eligible to apply, applicants must meet the requirements below:

1. Have demonstrated talent and strong leadership experience or potential;
2. Be a licensed lawyer in Connecticut in good standing with at least one and fewer than twelve years of professional experience as a lawyer; and
3. Be a current member of the CBA, or commit to joining the CBA as a dues-paying member if selected as a Fellow.

Special consideration will be given to lawyers in government or public interest service, lawyers who have overcome adversity, and lawyers who are first-generation lawyers (i.e. the first in their family to become a lawyer). Previous membership in the CBA or a CBA section is *not* required.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY MAIL OR EMAIL BY AUGUST 15, 2025:

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Additional Information:

While there is no cost to apply to be a Fellow and no fee to participate in the CBA Presidential Fellows Program, Fellows are required to be active dues-paying members of the CBA and must timely pay their annual CBA membership dues for the duration of their term. Fellows are appointed for a term of two bar years.

To remain in the program for the full two-year term, Fellows are required to (1) attend meetings and actively participate in section activities, (2) attend all mandatory Fellows events (unless excused by the Program Chair), (3) remain current on their CBA membership dues and in good standing with the CT bar, and (4) ensure the CBA has current contact information for the Fellow, including phone, email, address, and employer.

To Apply:

Prospective Fellows must submit the following by August 15, 2025:

1. Completed application form,
2. Application statement describing why you are interested in participating in the CBA Presidential Fellows program and how you plan to contribute to a CBA section (200 words or fewer),
3. Resume, and
4. Two letters of recommendation.

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1. Basic Information

Name: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Gender or pronouns:* _____ Ethnicity:* _____ Age:* _____

Year first admitted to the Connecticut Bar: _____ CT Juris Number ([lookup here](#)): _____

List three CBA Sections you want to work with as a Fellow; use number 1 as your top choice ([List of Sections](#)):

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Please identify your primary area(s) of practice: (e.g., Litigation, Real Property, Trusts & Estates, etc.).

1. Bar Experience

Describe any previous leadership roles, projects you've worked on, or your involvement in the CBA:

Describe any participation or leadership in any other local or affinity bar associations or legal organizations:

Have you ever attended the CBA's CT Legal Conference? If so, when? _____

* Questions about gender, ethnicity, and age are optional. Responses are used, in the aggregate, for data tracking purposes and program review. Responses to these questions are *not* considered in making selection decisions.

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2. Skills and Leadership Experience

Have you ever published legal articles or treatises or spoken on legal matters? If so, please list and describe:

Have you held any leadership roles or positions not listed above? If yes, describe:

3. Application Statement: Attach a statement describing why you are interested in participating in the CBA Presidential Fellows program and how you plan to contribute to a CBA section (200 words or fewer).

4. Agreements and Signature

By signing this application below, I acknowledge and agree to the following statements (check each box):

- _____ I am a lawyer in good standing in Connecticut; I have worked as a lawyer for at least one year and not more than twelve years.
- _____ I will attend all mandatory Fellows events (unless excused by the Program Chair).
- _____ I will regularly attend and participate in section meetings, including the section's executive committee meetings.
- _____ I am a CBA member or commit to joining the CBA if I am selected, and I will timely pay my CBA membership dues each year I am a Fellow.
- _____ I will make sure my CBA membership contact information is updated if I have any change of employment, address, phone, or email.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

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