

Connecticut Bar Association Presidential Fellowship Program

The CBA wishes to further encourage and increase the active involvement of young lawyers, “transitioning” lawyers (lawyers “aging out” of the Young Lawyers Section), and diverse lawyers in the activities of CBA sections. The goal of the CBA Presidential Fellowship Program is to (1) provide such lawyers with an opportunity to become more involved in the substantive work of CBA sections, enhance their knowledge of the section, further develop into future leaders, and promote the section to other members of the YLS and the bar.

Presidential Fellows will:

- Serve on the executive committee of their selected section as ex-officio members
- Be assigned to work with a senior executive committee member who will serve as a coach and help expose the Fellow to all aspects of committee membership
- Attend section meetings
- Become involved in a section project
- Present at a section meeting
- Serve as a section ambassador to the Young Lawyers Section (along with the Young Lawyers Section Chair) to promote membership and participation of other young, transitioning, and diverse lawyers
- Receive a waiver of all fees for section membership and attendance at section meetings

Fellowship appointments are prestigious and we expect a competitive application process for interested members. Each appointment will be for a period of two (2) years. However, if a Fellow fails to attend meetings and actively participate in the section activities, their appointment may not be renewed for a second year.

To be considered for selection, applicants must (1) fall into one of the three designated categories (young, transitioning, or diverse), (2) have practiced in their listed practice area(s) for at least one year, (2) be younger than 40 years of age or have been admitted to the bar less than 10 years, and (3) have demonstrated leadership potential. Previous membership in the applicable section is *not* required. Special consideration will be given to lawyers in government service.

Prospective Fellows must complete an application along with two (2) letters of recommendation, a resume, and a cover letter describing why the applicant is interested in becoming a Fellow and how the applicant plans to contribute to the section. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Presidential Fellows Selection Committee.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY JULY 31, 2020 TO:

Presidential Fellows Program c/o Carol DeJohn (cdejohn@ctbar.org)

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Name: _____

Firm/Organization: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Gender: _____ Ethnicity: _____ (Optional)

E-Mail Address: _____

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

Year first admitted to the Connecticut Bar: _____

Have you ever attended a CBA Annual Meeting/Connecticut Legal Conference? Yes ___ No ___

List the other bar associations of which you are a member.

Are you actively involved in any bar association programs or projects? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please name them and briefly describe your involvement, including any positions held. _____

Have you ever published legal articles or treatises or spoken on legal matters? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please list any publication or presentations. _____

Are you a member of any CBA sections? If yes, list the name of the section(s), years involved, and level of involvement (attendance at meetings, programming involvement, positions held, etc.). _____

How, if at all, does your firm/organization support bar activities? _____

Attach a written statement (200 words or less) describing why you are interested in participating in this program and how you plan to contribute to the section.