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***RE: YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPLICATION***

Dear Fellow Young Lawyers,

As the incoming Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section (YLS), and on behalf of my fellow YLS Officers, I am excited to invite you to apply for appointment to the 2024-2025 YLS Executive Committee. The term for the 2024-2025 YLS Executive Committee will run from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to take a leadership role in the Bar, network with friends and colleagues, create avenues for potential new clients, and make a name for yourself at this early stage of your career. I hope you will join me on the Executive Committee this coming year!

**What is the CBA/YLS?**

As a member of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) under the age of thirty-seven or in your first six years of practice, you are automatically a member of the YLS. With more than 2,200 members, the YLS is the CBA's largest section. The YLS Executive Committee organizes and participates in continuing legal education (CLE), professional networking opportunities, and social activities for young lawyers and their communities throughout the State.

**What is the CBA/YLS Executive Committee?**

The Executive Committee is your chance to take a leadership role in the YLS. Pursuant to the CBA/YLS Bylaws, the YLS is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of four officers, a team of directors, and committee chairs dedicated to varied practice areas made up of young lawyers from across the Association and state. Committee chairs actively engage in planning and implementing programming catered to each area of the law, providing an excellent opportunity for young lawyers to explore the area of law in which they practice and begin making a name for themselves there. The committee chair positions that may comprise the 2024-2025 Executive Committee are found in the application that follows.

**What are the duties of CBA/YLS Executive Committee Member?**

The quality of each year's educational, social and network programming is the direct product of the creativity and dedication of our Executive Committee members. Connecticut continues to have enthusiastic and outstanding members of both the Executive Committee and the Bar that devote their time and energy to produce first-class seminars, panel discussions, networking programs, and public service opportunities. We also develop programs designed to improve the practice of law in Connecticut with projects that provide public service and pro bono opportunities for our membership. We are able to invite top notch speakers from around the country and regularly receive recognition on a national level for the success we have achieved. To keep this tradition of excellence alive, we need your help in joining our Executive Committee!

With respect to time commitment, Executive Committee members are expected to attend monthly meetings from September through May. Some of these sessions will be dinner meetings held at the CBA Law Center in Meriden, CT. Other sessions will involve social and professional networking opportunities throughout the State. Executive Committee members responsibilities include planning and implementing CLE programs and social events for young lawyers, as well as participating in public service/pro bono opportunities. These responsibilities are better viewed as opportunities to tailor CLE programs to the needs of you and other similarly situated young lawyers, make valuable connections and provide pro bono/public service in a way that is personally rewarding to you.

Once appointed to the Executive Committee, members are **required** to attend the Executive Committee's Annual Leadership Retreat, which is a leadership training and strategic planning meeting in August. I am pleased to announce that this year's Retreat will be held on **August 9, 2024 through August 10, 2024** at the **Foxwoods Resort Casino**. The Retreat is a day and a half long event and will require members to take a full day away from work Friday, August 9th. All meals and hotel accommodations as well as some scheduled resort activities will be provided by the YLS with an \$100 registration fee. (*Financial hardship information is available upon request.*) Please register by July 9, 2024 to guarantee your seat at the event.

### **How do I sign up?**

Complete and return the enclosed application electronically to Ashleigh Morelli at [amorelli@ctbar.org](mailto:amorelli@ctbar.org) by **Monday, April 22, 2024**. Submission of an application is a prerequisite to appointment to the Executive Committee and space on the Committee is limited. This is true for both new and current members alike. The application process is designed to aid the YLS Selection Committee in creating an Executive Committee that is diverse, inclusive, and responsive to the needs and demands of the entire membership.

If you have any questions about the application process, the YLS, or the Executive Committee, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for your interest. I look forward to serving with you this upcoming bar year and seeing you at some of the exciting events we have planned!

Sincerely,



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## **CBA/YLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

### ***2024-2025 BAR YEAR***

*All applicants are asked to complete section A, B and D.*

*Returning applicants ONLY should complete A, B, C, and D.*

#### **Section A: Personal Information** *(All Applicants)*

NAME:

EMPLOYER/FIRM/AGENCY:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR:

DATE OF BIRTH:



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## Section B: Role Selection

*All Applicants*

CHOICE OF COMMITTEE (Please select no more than three from the following list):

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Administrative Law               | 19. Insurance Law                        |
| 2. Alternative Dispute Resolution   | 20. Intellectual Property Law            |
| 3. Appellate Practice               | 21. International Law                    |
| 4. Business Law                     | 22. Labor & Employment Law               |
| 5. Child Welfare & Juvenile Law     | 23. Legislative Affairs                  |
| 6. Commercial and Bankruptcy Law    | 24. Litigation                           |
| 7. Construction Law                 | 25. Media & the Law                      |
| 8. Consumer Law                     | 26. Planning & Zoning                    |
| 9. Criminal Law                     | 27. Professional Responsibility & Ethics |
| 10. Education Law                   | 28. Real Estate & Property Law           |
| 11. Elder Law                       | 29. Solo & Small Firm Practice           |
| 12. Environmental Law               | 30. Sports & Entertainment Law           |
| 13. Estates & Probate Law           | 31. Tax Law                              |
| 14. Family Law                      | 32. Workers' Compensation                |
| 15. Federal Practice                | 33. Women in the Law                     |
| 16. LGBT Rights                     | 34. Other (please identify)              |
| 17. Healthcare Law                  |  |
| 18. Human Rights & Responsibilities |  |

1<sup>st</sup> Choice:

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice:

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice:



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### Section C: Director Role Selection

*Returning Members Only*

CHOICE OF DIRECTOR ROLE: Please select no more than **one** from the following list:

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| 1. <input type="radio"/> CLE                   | 7. <input type="radio"/> Pro Bono/Public Service                         |
| 2. <input type="radio"/> Diversity             | 8. <input type="radio"/> Not interested in a director role this year.    |
| 3. <input type="radio"/> Law School Outreach   | 9. <input type="radio"/> Other (please identify)                         |
| 4. <input type="radio"/> Lawyer Well-Being     | <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 430px;"></div> |
| 5. <input type="radio"/> Legislative Affairs   |  |
| 6. <input type="radio"/> Membership Initiative |  |

### Section D: Application Questionnaire

*All Applicants*

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Please briefly describe your practice.
2. Please briefly describe your educational background as well as any prior leadership experience that you believe is relevant to your application.



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3. Please explain why you are interested in joining the YLS Executive Committee and what your goals and expectations are for the coming year if appointed to the Executive Committee.
  
4. What is the best professional or networking program or event that you attended during the past bar year? Please describe the event and why you enjoyed it.
  
5. Please suggest an idea for a seminar or program related to your first, second or third choice of committee, as noted above. Identify whether it is educational, pro bono, or social in nature and why you believe it would be a good event for young lawyers.
  
6. Please certify that you are a registered member in good standing of the Connecticut Bar Association:

☐ I CERTIFY I AM A REGISTERED MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

INITIAL HERE (electronic initial acceptable)

When finished please click the Submit button below. Please do not alter the subject line of the email that opens. Hit send on the email to confirm submission.