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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 2025-2026 YLS Executive Committee. The term for the 2025-2026 YLS Executive Committee will run from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. 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 CBA and state. Committee chairs actively engage in planning and implementing programming catered to each area of the law and are ex-officio members of the corresponding CBA sections, 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 2025-2026 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 networking 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 8, 2025** and **August 9, 2025** 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 8th. All meals and hotel accommodations, as well as some scheduled resort activities, will be provided by the YLS with a \$100 registration fee. Please register by **July 11, 2025** to guarantee your seat at the event. *(Financial hardship information is available upon request.)*

Can I apply as a law student?

If you are a graduating 3L or 4L and intend to practice in Connecticut, we absolutely encourage you to apply! This is a great opportunity to launch your legal career. In order to apply, you will need to have an active CBA student membership. Please reach out to me or one of our members if you need assistance. If appointed to the Executive Committee, you will be an ex-officio member until you are sworn into the Bar.

How do I apply?

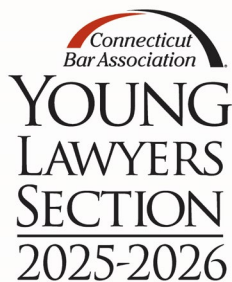
Complete and return the enclosed application electronically to Carol DeJohn at cdejohn@ctbar.org by Friday, **May 9, 2025**. Submission of an application is a prerequisite to appointment to the Executive Committee and space on the Committee is limited. This is true for both new and current members alike. 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

2025-2026 BAR YEAR

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

If you are a returning applicant, please also complete Section C.

Section A: Personal Information *(All Applicants)*

NAME: _____

*EMPLOYER/FIRM/AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

*LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

* If you are a current student, please state the law school you attend and your anticipated date of graduation.



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Section B: Role Selection

All Applicants

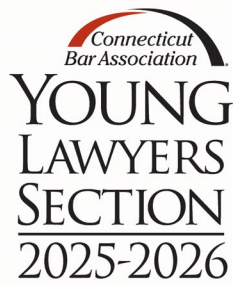
CHOICE OF COMMITTEE (Please select no more than three from the following list):

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| 1. Administrative Law | 22. Franchise, Distribution & Dealer Law |
| 2. Alternative Dispute Resolution | 23. Health Law |
| 3. Animal Law | 24. Human Rights & Responsibilities |
| 4. Antitrust and Trade Regulation | 25. Indian Law |
| 5. Appellate Advocacy | 26. Insurance Law |
| 6. Business Law | 27. Intellectual Property |
| 7. Child Welfare & Juvenile Law | 28. International Law |
| 8. Commercial Finance | 29. Labor & Employment Law |
| 9. Commercial Law and Bankruptcy | 30. LGBT |
| 10. Construction Law | 31. Litigation |
| 11. Consumer Law | 32. Media and the Law |
| 12. Criminal Justice | 33. Planning & Zoning |
| 13. Disability Law | 34. Professional Discipline |
| 14. Education Law | 35. Real Property |
| 15. Elder Law | 36. Solo and Small Firm |
| 16. Energy, Public Utility and
Communications Law | 37. Sports & Entertainment Law |
| 17. Environmental Law | 38. Tax |
| 18. Estates & Probate Law | 39. Veterans and Military Affairs |
| 19. Family Law | 40. Women in the Law |
| 20. Federal Practice | 41. Workers' Compensation |
| 21. Financial Institutions | 42. Other (please specify) |

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____



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Section C: Director Role Selection *Returning Members Only*

CHOICE OF DIRECTOR ROLE (Please indicate your first and second choice):

1. CLE Director
2. Diversity Director
3. Law School Outreach Director
4. Lawyer Well-Being Director
5. Legislative Affairs Director
6. Membership Director
7. Pro Bono & Public Service Director
8. Mentorship Director
9. Other (please detail the new role): _____

1st Choice: _____

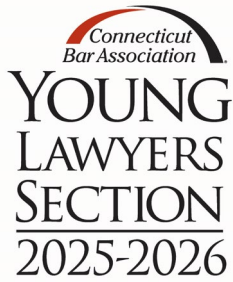
2nd Choice: _____

☐ I am not interested in a Director role this year.

Section D: Application Questionnaire *All Applicants*

1. Please briefly describe your practice. If you are a law student, please describe your law school activities and any coursework you think might be relevant to your application.

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 or school 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)