BUSINESS LAW ADVISORS PROGRAM GUIDE

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Business Law Section is committed to informing and educating its members. We believe that shared wisdom and experiences can help to enrich the skills and knowledge of business lawyers. The Business Law Advisors program was designed to place leaders of the profession into a position to help inform and educate younger members of the Section by getting involved in the Section’s activities.

WHO ARE ADVISORS?

Business Law Advisors are individuals who have distinguished themselves as practitioners, teachers, or government officials in one or more of the areas in which committees of the Business Law Section are active. Business Law Advisors need not have previously been active in the Section. The Section looks for lawyers with national reputations who have the experience and judgment necessary to help inform and educate younger members of the profession. The Section is not necessarily seeking lawyers with current cutting-edge knowledge of specific legal issues. Rather, it seeks individuals who can share the wisdom and knowledge they have accumulated over years of practice. Business Law Advisors serve a two-year term and are financially supported by the Section to attend up to four Section meetings each year of their term.

BUSINESS LAW ADVISOR COMMITMENTS

Throughout their two-year term, each Advisor commits to share their wisdom and experience with members of the Section by:

- Actively participating in two, assigned substantive Committees
- Attending the Business Law Section Annual Meeting and participating in the Business Law Advisors Committee meeting; the Council Meeting; and their assigned substantive Committee’s meetings, programs and activities
- Attending the stand-alone Committee meetings of their assigned substantive Committees
- Attending the Section Midwinter Leadership Meeting and participating in the Council Meeting
- Attending the Section Spring Meeting and participating in the Business Law Advisors Committee meeting; the Council Meeting; and their assigned substantive Committee’s meetings, programs and activities
- Participating in Section outreach activities to law students and young lawyers

THE SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee comprised of the Business Law Advisors Committee Chair, Section Officers and Former Section Chairs, review all nominations submitted by any Section member. Three Business Law Advisors are selected each year to serve a two-year term. Terms begin at the ABA Annual Meeting.

2020-2022 BUSINESS LAW ADVISORS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for 2020-2022 Business Law Advisors are due March 6, 2020. Please contact Gina Dickinson at gina.dickinson@americanbar.org or (312) 988-5316 for more information.