Business Law Fellows Essential Information

Program Overview

Each year, the Business Law Section appoints up to 12 diverse, outstanding lawyers to participate in two-year terms as Business Law Section Fellows. The Fellows Program springboards participants into leadership roles within the Section by providing mentors, travel subsidies, and involvement opportunities. Through the program, the Section hopes to increase diversity in the Section and identify new leaders to participate in the Section’s Committees.

Section Responsibilities

- The Section will assign Fellows to a substantive Committee, administrative Committee and a Business Law Fellows Subcommittee.
- The Section will match each Fellow with a mentor from the Fellow’s assigned substantive Committee and with a program alumni mentor.
- The Section will reimburse Fellows’ participation in Section meetings consistent with the Section reimbursement policy.

Fellow Responsibilities

- Fellows must plan to attend three Section meetings each year of their term including:
  - Section Spring Meeting
  - Section Annual Meeting
  - Committee Meeting for their assigned substantive committee
- Fellows must meaningfully contribute to their assigned substantive Committee, administrative Committee and Fellows Subcommittee.
- Fellows must communicate with mentors, Committee Chairs and other Section leaders to identify leadership opportunities.
- Fellows must complete and return a post-meeting report that outlines the Fellow’s involvement in the Section.

Applicant Criteria

- Young lawyer (under 40 years of age or in practice for less than 10 years) who has demonstrated leadership in a bar organization for young lawyers
- Lawyer of color who has demonstrated leadership involvement in an organization or association for lawyers of color
- LGBT lawyer who has demonstrated leadership involvement in a bar organization for LGBT lawyers
- Lawyer with a disability who has demonstrated leadership involvement in an organization for lawyers with disabilities

Application Process

Submit your application materials, including a CV, via the online Fellows Program Application Form. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2020. All applications are reviewed by Section leadership and all applicants will be notified of their status in July 2020.