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Attached is an application for the Forum’s 2015 In-House Counsel Fellowship. Completed applications must be received on, or before, Friday, February 13, 2015. The application deadline will not be extended.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact:

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Application Form

Section 1:

Name:

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Firm/Organization:

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Address:

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Telephone:      Fax:  

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Email:  

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Section 2:

Please attach a resume or other biographical information that summarizes your educational and employment background.
Section 3:

Type of Firm/Organization:

___ Federal Government        ___ Nonprofit
___ State Government          ___ Corporation (legal dept.)
___ Local Government          ___ Corporation (not in legal dept.)

Percentage of time spent on construction law matters in your practice: ____%

Section 4:*  
Gender Identity: ___ Female   ___ Male   ___ Transgender  
Ethnicity:  
___ Caucasian  
___ African-American/Black  
___ Spanish/Hispanic/Latino  
___ Asian  
___ Middle Eastern  
___ American Indian or Alaska Native  
___ Pacific Islander  
___ Other: ____________________  
Disability: ___ Yes   ___ No  
Sexual Orientation: ___ Bisexual   ___ Gay   ___ Lesbian   ___ Heterosexual  

* Section 4 requests this information for the purpose of reporting compliance with ABA Goal III, which provides that in an effort to eliminate bias and enhance diversity, the ABA has as one of its goals the promotion of the full and equal participation in the association, the profession, and the justice system by all persons and the elimination of bias in the legal profession and the justice system. (Please note that supplying this information to the ABA is voluntary.)

Section 5:  
On no more than one attached page, please explain why you are applying for the In-House Counsel Fellowship. Please include a brief explanation of your practice, how the Fellowship opportunity would benefit your practice, and how you think you would be able to contribute to the Forum (i.e. unique perspective or practice specialty, scholarship in construction law publications or education, experience).
Section 6:

Are you currently a member of the ABA?     ___Yes   ___No

If so, please list any Divisions, Sections or Forum to which you belong:

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Are you currently a member of the Forum on Construction Law?   ___Yes   ___No

If not currently a member of the Forum on Construction Law, why not?

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

If you are not currently a member, have you ever been a member of the Forum on the Construction Industry?   ___Yes   ___No

If you have been a member of the Forum on the Construction Industry in the past, please check the reason for not renewing your membership:

___financial constraints  ___not beneficial to practice
___time constraints       ___other. Please explain: _____________________________________________
___switched practice area

Have you attended any Forum on Construction Law programs?  ___Yes   ___No

If so, which one(s)?

______________________________________________________________________________
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Section 7:

How did you hear about the Fellowship?

___ABA Forum’s listserv
___Forum’s website or publication
___ABA listserv of another Section, Division or Forum. Please state which one:___________________
___State/local bar association email
___Other. Please identify:______________________________________________
Section 8:

All completed applications for the Forum’s 2015 In-House Counsel Fellowship must be received, on or before, **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015. The application deadline will not be extended.**

Please send completed applications along with your one-page explanation and resume/bio to:

Tamara Harrington  
American Bar Association  
Forums Associate Director  
321 N. Clark Street, 18th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60654-7598

Completed applications may also be submitted via email to Tamara.Harrington@americanbar.org.
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