American Bar Association
Section of Public Contract Law

Statements of Interest for 2020-2021 Open Council positions, Budget and Finance Officer, Delegate to ABA House of Delegates, and Section Secretary

The Nominating Committee welcomes statements of interest in the form of a self-nomination or a nomination from a peer or colleague for four open Council positions, Budget and Finance Officer, Delegate to ABA House of Delegates, and Secretary. Our Leadership FAQs outline the Section leadership positions and the nominations process.

Your nomination should identify your previous and current contributions to the Section, discuss what you hope to bring to the Section, and explain how you will commit to the Section as a leader. You are, of course, welcome to identify any other information that you believe the Nominating Committee should consider.

Past Activities: Although there is no specific position or contribution required to be a Council member or Officer, Section leaders often have a history of service to the Section. For example, let us know if you have:

- served as a Division or Committee Chair, Co-Chair or Vice Chair?
- participated in our educational programs as a moderator, speaker, Program Chair/Director?
- contributed to the Section’s regular publications (The Public Contract Law Journal or The Procurement Lawyer) or another Section publication?
- organized or participated in Committee panel or speaker events?
- contributed to Section comments or white papers on regulatory or legislative proposals?
- served on a task force or otherwise taken on a Section initiative?
- served the Section in another meaningful way?

Future Activities: Your nomination also should highlight why you are interested in a leadership position with the Section and what you hope to contribute. Each candidate’s contributions may be unique. Perhaps you offer a diversity of perspective, either because you are a diverse professional, or by the nature of your work in the industry, or by your geographic location. Diversity is important to the Section so we welcome statements of interest that address it.

Perhaps you want to join the Section leadership to pursue one or more initiatives, either in the area of procurement law or to enhance the value of the Section to its members. If you have ideas and suggestions on how to improve and elevate the Section or members’ experience, please include in your application. The Nominating Committee is interested in learning about what motivates you to pursue a Section leadership position.

Commitment: Serving as a Council member, the Budget and Finance Officer, Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, or Secretary is a significant time and resource commitment. The positions are multi-year. Council members, for example, are expected to: read and comment on our Section comment letters and white papers; attend Council meetings held in conjunction with the Section’s Public Procurement Symposium (October/November), Federal Procurement Institute (March), and Annual Meeting (July/August); participate in Council decision making; and offer their time, suggestions, experience, and
expertise to the Section Officers and members. The Officer positions are as, if not more, demanding. It is important that interested candidates demonstrate that they understand the commitment for the position they are seeking and are prepared to give the Section their best efforts and ideas.

Thank you for expressing your interest in a Section leadership position. Our Section remains strong, relevant, and collegial because of the contributions of members like you.