The American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law recognizes and values the participation of private and public in-house lawyers in its activities. In 2014, the Forum’s leadership initiated a fellowship program for corporate in-house and government in-house construction lawyers with the goal of introducing the Forum and drawing these lawyers into the ranks of active, long-term members. The Forum’s In-House Fellowship is intended to serve three purposes: (1) to introduce the Forum to in-house construction lawyers who may be unaware of the Forum’s existence and what it has to offer; (2) to make the benefits of Forum membership available to in-house lawyers who would like to actively participate in Forum membership on a “risk-free” basis; and (3) support a broader range of perspectives concerning the delivery of legal services to the construction industry by initiating and sustaining increased membership by in-house counsel.

THE FORUM IS CURRENTLY SEEKING IN-HOUSE CONSTRUCTION LAWYERS TO APPLY FOR FELLOWSHIPS TO BE AWARDED IN THE SPRING OF 2019.

Up to five (5), two-year Fellowships may be awarded by the Forum each Spring. Fellows receive the following benefits:

- Waiver of all registration fees for two of the Forum’s national meetings per year;
- Reimbursement of reasonable travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending the Forum’s national meetings (not to exceed $1,000 per annum, overnight lodging limited to $100/night for 2 nights for Fall and Mid-Winter Meetings, and 3 nights for the Annual Meeting); and
- Opportunity to apply for an extension of the fellowship through a third year if the Fellow has, been committed to and active in a Division or Standing Committee.

The ideal candidates will be active in-house or government attorneys having a practice that is at least 75% construction or design law related, and a minimum of eight (8) years experience as practicing attorneys, and are, or will become Forum members prior to the award of the Fellowship.

If you are aware of in-house construction lawyers who may be interested in applying for the 2019 Fellowship, please direct them to www.americanbar.org/groups/construction to download an application for the 2019 In-House Counsel Fellowship. Completed Fellowship applications must be received on, or before, **Monday, February 18, 2019**.

Fellowship recipients are expected to attend two national meetings each year and are strongly encouraged to attend all three of the Forum’s Annual (spring), Fall and Midwinter meetings each year. The Forum’s 2019 Annual Meeting will be held April 25-27, 2018 in Hollywood, FL.

Fellows are expected to maintain active membership and engagement in the Forum on Construction Law and at least one Division of their choice, excluding Division 11 Corporate Counsel.

Attached is an application for the Forum’s 2018 In-House Counsel Fellowship. Completed applications must be received on, or before, **Monday, February 18, 2019**. **The application deadline will not be extended.**

Applications with supporting material should be sent to Tamara Harrington, American Bar Association Forums Associate Director 321 N. Clark Street, 18th Floor Chicago, IL 60654-7598 or, if electronically, to Tamara.Harrington@americanbar.org and Catherine Bragg at cbragg@trcsolutions.com.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact:
- Catherine Bragg (Chair, In-House Counsel Fellowship Committee)
- TRC Companies, Inc.
  - Email: cbragg@trcsolutions.com  - Phone: 980.495.0334

For information about the ABA Forum on Construction Law, please visit www.americanbar.org/groups/construction
American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law
In-House Counsel Fellowship 2019

Application Form

Section 1:
Name: _____________________________________________

Firm/Organization: _____________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

Email: _____________________________________________

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:
______________________________________________________________________________

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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 Construction Law 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 2019 In-House Counsel Fellowship must be received, on or before, Monday, *FEBRUARY 18, 2019*. 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

If you opt to submit your completed application electronically, please send to both recipients below:

Tamara.Harrington@americanbar.org  
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