

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION



2008/09 Diversity Fellows Program Application

Purpose: The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division established the Diversity Fellows Program in the 1999/2000 bar year. The program is designed to promote diversity within the Division and the ABA, while providing leadership development opportunities within the Division for women, attorneys of color, and those with disabilities and persons of differing sexual orientations and gender identities.

Description: The Division's Diversity Committee and Membership Board will identify and nominate four lawyers of diverse backgrounds and experiences who will be appointed by the Chair-Elect to funded fellowship positions within the Division to be effective during the following bar year. Upon completion of successful active participation in the first scholarship year, these participants will then be appointed to regularly funded positions within the Division the following bar year, giving consideration to the Division's existing needs and the participants' preferences based upon the first year participation.

Eligibility: Any lawyer or judge, who is a member of the Division, with a diverse background and experiences as defined by ABA Goal IX, including, minorities, women and persons with disabilities and persons of differing sexual orientations and gender identities.

Funding: The fellows will receive normal Division reimbursement (airfare and \$100.00 per diem for two days) to attend the Division's Fall Meeting (typically held in October), and Spring Meeting (typically held in May). Fellows are also expected to show their commitment to the Division by attending the ABA Annual Meeting.

Guidelines: The selection will be based on the individual's achievement and commitment to the organized bar and General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division's mission and goals. Fellows will be required to attend three of the Division's meetings during their Fellowship. Fellows also agree to remain a member of the Division for a two-year period after their Fellowship concludes and participate in the activities and program of the Division.

Deadline: Nominations must be received by April 15, 2008. Send or e-mail nominations to:
American Bar Association
GP|Solo and Small Firm Division
321 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60610
Fax (312) 988-5711
www.genpractice@abanet.org

For further information on the Fellowship, contact the GPSSFS at (312) 988-5648.

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**American Bar Association
GP|Solo Division
DIVERSITY FELLOWS
NOMINATION FORM – 08/09**

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Title/Position: _____

Practice Setting: ___Solo ___2-5 ___6-9 ___10-19 ___20 and over

Firm/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (work) _____ (home) _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Racial/Ethnic Origin: _____

Are you a member of the American Bar Association? Yes___ No___

If yes, please list any Section/Division/Standing Committee involvement:

Are you a member of the ABA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division ?

Yes___ No___

INSTRUCTIONS:

Information provided in response hereto will be confidential and restricted to the use of the members of the Diversity Committee and the officers of the Division .

1. Describe the general nature of your law practice. Include the percentage of areas in which you practice.
2. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and list any offices, which you have held in such groups. List also leadership positions and memberships on any bar association and professional society committees, which you believe of, be of significance.
3. Have you participated in committee work or projects on behalf of the General Practice, solo and Small Firm Division ? If so, which ones?
4. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition, which you have received.
5. Have you published any legal books or articles? If so, please list them.
6. Do you (do you know of any problems or impediments) presently have any health problems, or other type of problems, which would prevent you from attending meetings and performing the duties of a Fellow? If so, please explain your situation.
7. Why do you want to serve as a Diversity Fellow on the Division ?
8. Please attach a vitae or resume.

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be received no later than April 15, 2008.

Please read, and if you agree to the provisions thereof, sign the following undertaking:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for selection. If I am selected, I agree to serve as a Diversity Fellow and attend three of the Division 's meetings during the Fellowship. I agree to remain a member of the Division for a two-year period after the conclusion of the Fellowship and participate in the activities and programs of the Division .

Signature: _____

Date: _____