

## **The New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyer Leadership Program**

The New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyer Leadership Program is designed to encourage the participation of minority, solo/small firm, government, in-house, and military service attorneys in the New Orleans Bar Association (“NOBA”). NOBA. This program is designed to help young lawyers become actively involved in NOBA’s meetings and committees and pipeline them to the NOBA leadership by: (1) involving young lawyers in the work of the YLS with the hope that they will develop into future leaders of the YLS and the NOBA organization at large; and (2) enhancing the image of the YLS among young lawyers in our community. *Up to three awards will be made to attend the March 20-22, 2020 Bench Bar Conference.*

### **The program consists of:**

- Partial funding to attend the Annual Bench Bar Conference. Recipients will receive \$750 to be used for conference expenses, including registration, and hotel accommodations;
- Appointment to and active participation in the YLS Bench Bar Committee;
- Engagement in substantive work, mentorship, and committee involvement;
- Commitment to:
  - attend the Bench Bar Conference and participate in all scheduled programming during the conference;
  - produce a written piece for *Briefly Speaking*; and
  - assist on projects as assigned by the Bench Bar Committee.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- All candidates must be admitted to the practice of law and be either under 40 years of age or have been admitted to the bar less than six years at the time of the application;
- Applicants for this program must fall within at least one of the following categories:
  - a. general practice, solo & small firm practitioners
  - b. government, military and public sector lawyers
  - c. minorities in the profession
- Though membership in NOBA is not required to apply to the program, preference will be given to those applicants who express a desire to become, or have been, actively involved with NOBA. Other bar association involvement and leadership will be considered also.

### **Program Length**

December 1 – November 30

### **Application Process**

Each candidate must complete an application form, a cover letter describing how he or she meets the criteria, and a current resume.

**Application deadline**

Applications must be received by February 28, 2020.

**Selection Process**

The Review Committee is made of up YLS Executive Council members. Fellowships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate financial need and clearly express a strong desire to remain actively involved in NOBA. Successful applicants will demonstrate a history of bar involvement, public service, and professional excellence.

The Review Committee will also consider the following based on the applicant's letter of intent:

- Initiative – Has the applicant displayed initiative in the past or currently in community and professional activities? Does the applicant possess leadership potential?
- Financial Need – Does the applicant demonstrate a need for financial assistance in order to attend the Bench Bar Conference?
- Attendance – Does the applicant affirmatively state he/she will attend the Bench Bar Conference?
- Communication – Are the ideas expressed in the letter of intent communicated clearly?
- Special Circumstances – Has the applicant overcome any unusual challenges or obstacles?

**The New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyer Leadership Program Application**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted to Practice in Louisiana: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the New Orleans Bar Association? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved in any of the New Orleans Bar Association's Committees? If so, please state which committee(s) you are involved in. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list all the bar associations you are a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe your community involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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If selected, are you able to attend the 2020 Bench Bar Conference? \_\_\_\_\_