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Mandatory questions:

1. Has your firm been a NCBA Firm Member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years? Yes
2. Have you attended an NCBA Event (Conference or Executive Experience) in the past two years?
Yes

Optional questions:

3. In what city and state do you practice? Blitt & Gaines, P.C. has attorneys licensed to practice in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Arizona. I am personally licensed to practice law in Illinois and Missouri.
4. How long have you been a creditors' rights attorney? Since 2006.
5. What is the name of the law firm member for which you work? Blitt & Gaines, P.C.
6. What is your current job title and duties? Partner/Chief Compliance Officer
7. What are your two main practice areas (e.g. bankruptcy, credit card, compliance, etc.)?
8. Have you served as a Committee or Task Force Chair or Co-Chair in the past three (3) years? Of which Committees or Task Forces? Yes, I Co-Chair Education and participate in several taskforces.
9. Provide a list of professional articles or presentations that you have done. Please list the date and whether the presentation was for the NCBA.
10. Are you involved in state advocacy through an SCBA or NCBA chapter? I am a member of the ILCBA, MCBI and our firm is a founding member of the CBCI.
11. Have you served on a Board of Directors (or similar governing body) previously? Please describe. Yes, I have served on the NCBA Board of Directors.
12. Describe some of your leadership roles or describe what qualities you possess that make you a strong leader. I am honest, hard-working and an independent thinker. I am supportive, but able to express my opinion. Most importantly, I am committed to the organization and the members.
13. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors for NCBA? NCBA is the most important association for our position in the third party collection industry. My purpose for wanting to serve on the board is not only to give back to an association that has done so much for our industry, but also to further the mission of our membership and association.
14. How will you help NCBA advance its mission statement?
15. What motivates you to do excellent work?

16. What is your ideal level of interaction with the other board members?
17. What is the biggest challenge facing our industry? What do you recommend we do to overcome that challenge? Our industry is constantly facing many challenges, but right now the focus is on the implementation of Reg. F and advocacy. NCBA is currently working diligently on both of these challenges through communication with the CFPB and the hiring of RFA to assist in our advocacy efforts.
18. What do you recommend doing to increase participation in NCBA by younger and/or newer attorneys, or new members of NCBA?

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