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2021 NCBA Board of Directors Candidate Questionnaire Responses

Has your firm been a NCBA Firm Member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years?

Yes.

Have you attended an NCBA Event (Conference or Executive Experience) in the past two years?

Yes.

In what city and state do you practice?

Media, Pennsylvania. I am licensed in the state and federal courts for both Pennsylvania and New Jersey as well as the Bankruptcy Court for both the Western and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

How long have you been a creditors' rights attorney?

15 years.

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 have been co-Chair of the Membership Committee and I am currently the co-Chair of the Advocacy Pillar which oversee all advocacy efforts by the NCBA from a legislative, executive, and judicial perspectives.

Are you involved in state advocacy through an SCBA or NCBA chapter?

Yes, I am the current president of the Pennsylvania Creditors' Bar Association.

Have you served on a Board of Directors (or similar governing body) previously? Please describe.

Yes, I have served on the Pennsylvania Creditors' Bar Association for 5 years. I am a past Parliamentarian for the NCBA Board of Directors and have spent the last two years on the NCBA's Board of Directors. In the past, I have also served on Boards for a local Quaker daycare and a local youth group dedicated to providing a safe space for LGBTQ+ youths.

Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors for NCBA?

I do not believe my job on the Board is done. I want to keep working to establish NCBA as the preeminent industry association through advocacy and leadership.

How will you help NCBA advance its mission statement?

I truly enjoy working with Nathan Willner (NCBA Government Affairs Officer) to advocate for NCBA in Washington D.C. Additionally, as a bar association, I believe NCBA is uniquely positioned to tactically file amicus briefs in areas to assist our members and continue advocating for the independence of the practice of law.

What is the biggest challenge facing our industry? What do you recommend we do to overcome that challenge?

I think the challenge right now is going to be continuing to strengthen our relationship with the CFPB, especially with implementation of Regulation F (a/k/a the Debt Collection Rules). Mr. Willner and Liz Terry, the Executive Director, have done an excellent job establishing relationships with the CFPB and I think that will serve NCBA in the future.

What do you recommend doing to increase participation in NCBA by younger and/or newer attorneys or new members of NCBA?

Strengthening the by-laws to ensure that the Board of Directors is an accurate reflection of membership and serve to support the Executive Director and membership. I would support the idea of a nominating committee to ensure equity across the Board and also strengthening the language in the by-laws regarding term limits.