

YOUNG LAWYERS NETWORK LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Guidelines and Membership Criteria

Composition:

The Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council (YLN LC) shall consist of up to 35 members. It shall elect its officers, including a chair (or co-chairs) and up to three liaisons to the DC Bar Foundation Board of Directors.

Term:

The Board of Directors appoints YLN LC members to two-year, renewable terms. The term year begins on October 1; however, appointment and service may start at any time. Typically, vacancies are filled each fall through a competitive application process.

Eligibility/Qualifications:

Members of the DC Bar in good standing are eligible to serve on the YLN LC. Members must be under the age of 40 at the start of their term (or within the first six years of their legal career if they are over 40), either live or work in the District of Columbia and committed to carrying out the group's responsibilities. The Foundation gives preference to attorneys with the following qualifications:

- A demonstrated commitment to access to justice issues, particularly with experience supporting the District's public interest and legal aid communities.
- A demonstrated interest and ability to raise money in support of civil legal aid programs.
- Attorneys who add to the diversity of expertise, skills, experience, and personal backgrounds of the YLN LC.

For the first time, membership criteria have been expanded to include the staff of Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)-eligible employers and organizations eligible to receive funding from the DC Bar Foundation, as well as attorneys over the age of 40 who are just beginning their legal careers.

Duties:

Members of the YLN LC serve as ambassadors to young attorneys in the community to promote the Bar Foundation's mission and help raise additional resources supporting local legal aid programs.

Attendance/Participation: YLN LC members are expected to participate in quarterly meetings (as scheduled by the group's leadership). The Bar Foundation expects the YLN LC to create opportunities to engage younger lawyers in activities that raise

awareness of and support the Foundation's role in strengthening the system of legal aid for people living in poverty and vulnerable situations or who are otherwise underserved in DC. Members are appointed to various Foundation Committees essential to the organization's operations and programs.

Site Visits: YLN LC members are invited to participate in site visits to current and prospective grantees. Site visits offer an unparalleled opportunity to see first-hand the Bar Foundation's impact on the delivery of civil legal aid to the DC community.

Programs Support: YLN LC members will have the opportunity to actively assist with the Foundation's programmatic work by sitting on Board committees and participating in annual fundraising and public awareness events.

Financial Support: YLN LC members should be prepared to help secure financial support from their law firms or companies. Members should also be prepared to help secure financial support from other law firms, corporations, foundations, and individuals, in consultation with Bar Foundation staff. Lastly, YLN LC members are expected to make an annual personally significant" gift to the Foundation.

To Apply:

Interested applicants should email a completed application form, résumé, letter of interest, and up to two letters of support to Greer Richey, Development and Communications Specialist, at richey@dcbfoundation.org. Please include Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council - [Your Full Name]" in the subject line of the email.

More Information:

Contact Greer Richey, Development and Communications Specialist, at richey@dcbfoundation.org or (202) 853-9022, or visit www.dcbfoundation.org.