**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 own 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, appointments may be made and service may begin 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, either live or work in the District of Columbia, and commit to carrying out the responsibilities of the group. The Foundation gives preference to attorneys with the following qualifications:

* Demonstrated commitment to access to justice issues, particularly with experience supporting the District’s public interest and legal aid communities.
* 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.

Note: *Staff of LRAP (Loan Repayment Assistance Program)-eligible employers or of organizations eligible to receive funding from the DC Bar Foundation are ineligible for membership in the Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council.*

**Duties:**

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

Attendance/Participation: YLN LC members are expected to participate in regular 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 for the Foundation’s role in strengthening the system of legal aid for people living in poverty and in vulnerable situations, or who are otherwise underserved in DC. Members are appointed to various Foundation Committees that are 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 impact that the Bar Foundation makes in the delivery of civil legal aid to the DC community.

Note: *In light of COVID-19, site visit structure will likely evolve in the coming year. DCBF will keep all YLN LC members updated on site visit procedures as they change.*

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.

Note: *In light of COVID-19, annual fundraising and public awareness event structure will likely evolve in the coming year. DCBF will keep all YLN LC members updated on these events as they change.*

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 Assistant, at richey@dcbarfoundation.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 Assistant, at richey@dcbarfoundation.org or (202) 853-9022, or visit [www.dcbarfoundation.org](file:///C:\Users\lynch\Downloads\www.dcbarfoundation.org).