

BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLIC INTEREST LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Empowering Exceptional Young Leaders in Boston Law

OVERVIEW

The Boston Bar Association's Public Interest Leadership Program is a year-long program designed to provide intensive leadership and professional development training to rising stars in the Boston legal community. The selected class, consisting of talented and highly motivated lawyers from law firms, in-house legal departments, government agencies, and non-profits, will learn from and connect with leaders in Boston's public and private sectors to gain the critical skills and tools needed to grow as an effective leader and voice in the community.



ELIGIBILITY & COMMITMENT

Program applicants should be Boston Bar Association members within their first ten years in practice (although preference will be given to applicants with at least five years experience). The expected time commitment is 4-6 hours per month, or 70 hours per year.

PROGRAM KICKOFF

Participants will begin the program with a kickoff leadership workshop on:
Friday, September 13, 2024
10:00am - 2:00pm
16 Beacon Street, Boston

Questions? Contact Chloe Morse
cmorse@bostonbar.org
617-778-1980

DETAILS

The Experience

Those who apply and are selected for the program will benefit from monthly training sessions incorporating education, discussions, debriefing sessions and participation in monthly BBA steering committees. In addition to these modules, participants will be invited to attend several programs, events and meetings connecting them with legislators, judges, non-profit executives, and corporate leaders throughout Boston.

The Network

After completing the program, graduates will enter a growing network of more than 250 accomplished alumni who embody the drive, passion, and diversity of our community. Program alumni have gone on to serve as elected officials, chair boards of local nonprofits, take on managing partner roles within their law firms, serve on the BBA and Boston Bar Foundation boards, and play key roles in Boston business and community initiatives.



PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- *Monthly sessions with business & philanthropic leaders*
- *BBA leadership meetings*
- *Networking opportunities*
- *Invitations to attend major BBA events including Annual Meeting, The Beacon Awards for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Law Day*

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PROGRAM APPLICATION

Due Friday, May 10 at 12:00PM

Name: _____

Earliest Bar Admission Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer or Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Email: _____

Preferred Contact Location: Home ☐ Business ☐

Law School: _____

State(s) where admitted: _____

Practice Area(s): _____

Professional Organization Memberships (include roles where appropriate):

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DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

The BBA is committed to advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the legal profession. We ask that you answer the following demographic questions so that we can assess the impact of our programs and initiatives in meeting our goals. This information is for internal use only and will not be shared. If you would prefer to answer anonymously, you may [complete the online form here](#).

Please share your pronouns: _____

To which gender identity do you most identify? _____

What is your racial/ethnic background? _____

Do you identify as LGBTQ+? _____

Do you have a disability as defined by the ADA? _____

Are you a veteran or military service member? _____

Any specificity or detail you wish to add about how you identify yourself? _____

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Please attach a statement of interest of no more than 750 words. You may describe your experience working in public or community service, pro bono and/or organized bar activities, provide insight into the skills you expect to develop or enhance by participating in the Leadership Program, or any additional information that you believe would be useful to the Selection Committee in evaluating your application.

By signing below,

- I certify that the facts set forth in the above application, and the additional information submitted in support thereof, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that falsified statements in any of the statements made in support of this application shall be considered sufficient cause for denial of selection in the Leadership Program.
- I certify that I am willing to commit 4-6 hours per month if chosen to participate in the Program.
- I certify that I will attend the program's mandatory, half-day leadership workshop on Friday, September 13, 2024.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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COMMITMENT LETTER

A Commitment Letter must be provided by all applicants. This Commitment Letter must be signed by a designated representative of the sponsoring firm or entity or by the applicant's direct supervisor, except in cases where the applicant is self-employed or in transition. Please have your designated representative forward their commitment letter to Chloe Morse, Manager of Leadership & Section Programs, cmorse@bostonbar.org.

SECTION 1

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Person Completing this Form: _____

Position: _____

Firm or Entity: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SECTION 2

For Firm/In-House/Government/Legal Services Attorney Applicants: As the applicant's managing partner or direct supervisor, please provide a recommendation on behalf of the applicant. Please include both information on the applicant's personal strengths as well as address how your firm or entity would hope to benefit from their participation in the program. By completing this form, you understand that if selected, the applicant will be expected to devote 4-6 hours per month (up to 70 hours per year) to the program, and agree to provide credit towards any applicable employment requirements.

For Applicants who are Self-Employed or In Transition: Please include TWO letters of recommendation from fellow members of the bar or other individuals who are familiar with your work as a lawyer.

Signature of Designated Representative or Recommender

Date