

# 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 an orientation on Thursday, September 17th in the afternoon at 16 Beacon St., Boston.

Questions? Contact Chloe Morse  
[cmorse@bostonbar.org](mailto: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, July 31 at 12:00 PM*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Earliest Bar Admission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Link to professional bio or LinkedIn page. If none, please attach your preferred bio.

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**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 orientation on **Thursday, September 17th, 2026.**

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Applicant's Signature

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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](mailto: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.

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Signature of Designated Representative or Recommender

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Date