

NCBJ NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM

2018 Nomination Day is May 2

NCBJ will host the ninth Next Generation Program at its Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, from October 28 through 31, 2018. A small group of up-and-coming bankruptcy attorneys will have the unique opportunity to participate in this exciting program. The program will offer events solely for participants, including a private gathering with bankruptcy judges and senior practitioners; a small-group lunch with other Next Generation participants and an experienced bankruptcy professional who serves on the 2018 Next Generation Committee; a networking reception of peers and senior practitioners; a reunion dinner of Next Generation alumni; a social outing to discover the NCBJ's 2018 host city, San Antonio; and opportunities to be recognized as Next Generation participants and to serve on panels in educational offerings of the conference.

Law firms, government agencies, and bankruptcy judges are invited to nominate as program participants attorneys under their supervision who deserve special recognition for their professional accomplishments to date and who show the potential to distinguish themselves in future years as highly respected members of the bankruptcy bar. The program is designed to host forty bankruptcy practitioners with five to ten years of experience.

Qualifications for Participation in the 2018 Next Generation Program:

To be nominated, any prospective program participant must:

- have five to ten years of experience practicing law¹;
- devote at least fifty percent of his/her practice to bankruptcy cases;
- demonstrate legal excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law;

¹ Clerkships are included in calculating the time period for eligibility.

- display a serious commitment to principles of civility, ethics and professionalism; and
- demonstrate commitment to the continued educational development of bankruptcy professionals and to professional activities that will benefit the public, members of the bar and the court system.

Only one attorney from any single law firm or agency may participate.

Costs for Participation in the 2018 Program:

The cost of the participant's attendance at the Annual Meeting must be borne by the participant or his or her employer, but no additional cost will be incurred to attend the Next Generation events, other than the lunch and the optional dinner and San Antonio discovery event. We anticipate that, consistent with past years, NCBJ registration fee waivers, as well as scholarships to defray part of the cost (up to 50% of eligible expenses, not to exceed \$1,500.00), will be available to the first five eligible applicants. To qualify for a scholarship and a fee waiver, an applicant must earn less than \$75,000.00 gross income per year. To be considered for these subsidies, a request attesting to the nominee's qualifications must accompany the nomination.

How to Nominate:

Nominations will be accepted during a five-hour window from noon Eastern time until 5:00 P.M. Eastern time on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. (Nominations submitted before or after that time will be disregarded.) Nominees whose application are submitted timely will be selected randomly through a computerized lottery program, and the first forty qualified candidates randomly selected will receive an invitation to participate.

Each nomination must be in the form of correspondence from an authorized partner of the law firm, senior attorney of a governmental agency, or bankruptcy judge, attesting to and providing all necessary particular details to support the qualifications of the nominee to be a Next Generation Program participant, including the number of years the nominee has practiced

law and the nominee's full contact information including email address. This cover letter is critical to the nomination package, so please do not forget to include it.

In addition to the cover letter, each nomination package must include a completed data sheet, a blank copy of which is attached. Lawyers in firms with five or fewer attorneys may self-nominate but must fulfill the eligibility requirements.

The cover letter and attachments must be submitted in .pdf format by email to NCBJNextGeneration@gmail.com.

For more information, you may also contact us at NCBJNextGeneration@gmail.com.