



NCBJ Next Generation

2017 Nomination Day is May 3

NCBJ will host the seventh ***Next Generation Program*** at its annual conference in Las Vegas from October 8 - 11, 2017. 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 networking reception of peers and senior practitioners and a reunion of the former Next Generation classes.

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 40 bankruptcy practitioners with five to ten years of experience.

Qualifications for Participation in the 2017 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;
- 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. 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 an optional dinner following the reunion reception.

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

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 \$1500), 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 gross income per annum. A request attesting to the nominee's qualifications to be considered for these subsidies must accompany the nomination.

Nominations will be accepted during a five hour window from noon Eastern time until 5:00 P.M. Eastern time on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. (Nominations submitted prior to that time will be disregarded.) Participants who submit timely applications will be selected **randomly** through a computerized lottery program, and the first 40 qualified candidates randomly selected will receive an invitation to participate.

How to Nominate a Participant:

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 don't 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**.

