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YOUNG LAWYERS NETWORK LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS

[District of Columbia, May 15, 2017] – The Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council (YLN LC) offers younger attorneys an opportunity to further the goal of access to justice in our community by working with the DC Bar Foundation—the leading private funder of civil legal aid for the District’s poor and underserved. Members of the YLN LC serve as ambassadors who promote the Foundation’s mission and programs by engaging in regular meetings, grantee site visits, and quarterly networking dinners. The group is also actively involved in the organization’s fundraising efforts, through hosting an annual event that provides critical support to low-income DC residents in need of legal representation.

The DC Bar Foundation will add several new Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council members for a two-year term expiring September 30, 2019. **Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2017.**

To qualify for consideration, individuals must be members of the District of Columbia Bar in good standing, 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 YLN LC. Staff of LRAP-eligible employers, or of organizations eligible to receive funding from the DC Bar Foundation, are ineligible for membership.

Interested applicants should submit a completed application form, résumé, letter of interest, and up to two letters of support that speak to their commitment to advance the District’s civil legal services network. Please send all materials to David Stone, Development Officer, at stone@dcbfoundation.org. It is also important to include “Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council, [Your Full Name]” in the subject line of the email. Additional information about the YLN LC is available on the Foundation’s website at www.dcbfoundation.org.

The DC Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1977, is the largest funder of civil legal aid in the District of Columbia. Its mission is to fund, support, and improve legal representation of the poor, vulnerable, and otherwise disadvantaged in DC, and is committed to the vision that residents have equal access to justice, regardless of income. The Foundation provides grants and training and technical assistance to local nonprofit legal services organizations and awards loans to public interest attorneys to help with their educational debt.

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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 1st, 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 D.C. 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 Bar 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-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 the poor and disadvantaged in DC. Members are appointed to various Foundation Committees that are essential to the organization's operations and programs. Please see the YLN LC Participation Policy for more details.

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.

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.

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:

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More Information:

Contact David Stone, Development Officer, at stone@dcbfoundation.org or (202) 853.9025, or visit www.dcbfoundation.org.

YOUNG LAWYERS NETWORK LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Workplace: _____

Position: _____

Date of Birth*: _____

**Members must be under the age of 40 at the start of their term (October 1).*

To apply for the Young Lawyers Network, email the materials below to stone@dcbfoundation.org. You must include “Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council, [Your Full Name]” in the subject of the email.

- This completed application form
- Resume
- Letter of interest
- Up to two letters of support

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Eligibility checklist:

- DC Bar member in good standing Admission Date: _____
- Under 40 by October 1
- Live or work in DC

DCBF staff initials _____