

Section Executive and CLA Committee Appointment Application Instructions and Form

INSTRUCTIONS

This application form can be filled out on your computer, and then printed for your signature and attachments (see instructions below). Alternatively, the document can be printed in its blank form and completed by hand (use a pen with dark ink).

Section Executive Committee Applicants: Appointment will be limited to one Section Executive Committee.

CLA Committee Applicants: You may submit an application to join up to 3 CLA Committees.

Application requirements: For information about requirements and vacancies in a Section Executive Committee, [contact the section](#). For all other inquiries, please feel free to contact appointments@calawyers.org.

Participation of diverse members: The California Lawyers Association's mission is *Promoting excellence, diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and fairness in the administration of justice and the rule of law*. CLA seeks diverse representation in all its entities. California Lawyers Association provides equal access to all applicants and complies with all applicable anti-discrimination laws in its appointment process.

Questions: This application is used for multiple purposes. As a result, please do not feel dissuaded if you are not able to answer all the questions posed. Please answer to the best of your ability. Our various entities are looking for a variety of experience and information. If the space provided is not sufficient for your response, please type "See Attached" and attach a separate page.

Statement of Interest: Your statement should **clearly state** why you wish to serve on the committee and what you can contribute that makes you a good candidate for appointment. Suggested areas for inclusion in the statement: (1) unique characteristics, perceptions, experiences, personal talents, or qualifications that you would bring to the committee; (2) leadership and/or communication skills that you possess that will lend to the activities of the committee; and (3) barriers, hardships or disadvantages you have experienced and/or overcome and how this experience will contribute to your service with the California Lawyers Association.

Deadlines: For Section Executive Committees, March 1. For all our CLA Committees, August 1.

Note: This is a general application used for appointment to all CLA Sections and Committees, some questions may not be applicable or required for the volunteer role you seek. Please check the Section or CYLA website to see which portions are required and which are optional. Please complete the form to the extent applicable. Answers left blank will not preclude you from being considered.

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Filing INSTRUCTIONS

- **Order: Please attach your application, resume, and letter(s) of recommendation in the following order:**
 1. Application form; signed and dated.
 2. Resume or biography (5 pages maximum)
 3. Letter(s) of recommendation (not required, 3 letters maximum)
- **Submitting Application:** Submit one (1) single-sided copy of the application form and the attachments; in the order noted above.
- **Resume/Biography:** Your resume or biography may include any of the following: business, occupational or professional licenses; legal and general educational background; academic, professional or civic honors; articles or publications authored (do not attach copies); accomplishments of note; proven commitment to volunteer work/capacity to make expected time commitment; national, state and/or local bar committee service, professional and/or community association memberships, personal and/or organizational references.
- **Letters of Recommendations (maximum three):** A letter of recommendation is helpful but not required for Section Executive Committee appointments. If letters are being submitted, they must be submitted with the application.
- **Applications must be received by the deadline and must be signed and dated.** Signatures may be via pen or official digital signature, such as through Adobe Pro, but typed “/s/” signatures will not be accepted.

MAIL OR EMAIL COMMITTEE APPLICATION TO (if submitted electronically, do not mail hard copy):

Appointments
California Lawyers association
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 650
Sacramento, CA 95814
appointments@calawyers.org

If you have any questions about our process, please contact appointments@calawyers.org.

Your application is confidential. You will be notified by email of the decision on your application no later than **August 19, for Section Executive Committee appointments and August 31 for all other appointments.** Your notification will be sent via email to your email address on the application. Terms for most committees begin at the close of the CLA Annual Meeting.

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Office Use Only—Processed: _____

Instructions. Fill out on your computer using the fillable text boxes or complete by hand using a pen with dark ink. Print a copy of the completed application. Date and sign the application. Attach: (1) resume or biography (five pages maximum), and (2) any letters of recommendation (maximum three). Follow filing instructions at the beginning of this form.

Name: _____ State Bar Number: _____

- CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE NOT ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA.**
If you are not a lawyer and/or not admitted to practice law in California, some Sections permit you to serve on their Executive Committee as a member. Some committees require members to be non-lawyers. Please review the committee descriptions at the CLA’s website for requirements. If appointed, your address information may be published on the CLA’s website.

SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT SOUGHT Select ONE Committee.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law | <input type="checkbox"/> New Lawyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo and Small Firm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Law and Immigration | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor and Employment Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Trusts and Estates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Practice Management and Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers’ Compensation |

CLA WIDE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT SOUGHT Select up to 3 Committees.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amicus Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Committee Note: Applicants need experience and expertise in professional conduct and ethics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Engagement & Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Engagement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Outreach Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Justice Committee |

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EMPLOYER/FIRM/AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STATEMENT OF INTEREST. Please state why you wish to serve on the committee and what you can contribute that makes you a good candidate for appointment.

EXPERIENCE. Please describe any previous work or experience you may have had with the committee or with comparable committees in entities outside of CLA.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE. Please list prior volunteer service with the State bar, local or specialty bar associations, community, or other organizations. Please focus on any leadership role and/or activities that prepared you for a position to the committee appointment sought.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND. Please describe any additional background you would like to share that is relevant to your appointment to the committee, including but not limited to how you can contribute to the diversity of the CLA's committees.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIVERSITY. Please submit a personal statement on your contributions to diversity, regardless of personal characteristics. The purpose of the statement is to identify candidates who have the professional skills, experience, and/or willingness to engage in activities that will advance CLA's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals.

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DIVERSITY

Given CLA's commitment to diversity and inclusion, all applicants are requested to provide the following information to help CLA meet its diversity goals. Please check all that apply.

Gender, Gender Identity and Gender Expression:

LGBTQIA:

Do you identify as LGBTQIA?

Race/Ethnicity/National Origin/Ancestry: Please check all that apply:

- Hispanic/LatinX
- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Middle Eastern/North African
- Multiracial _____

Person with a Disability: Are you a person with a physical or mental disability?

Veteran: Have you served in the military?

Applicant Age:

Other Diversity Factors not listed above:

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PLEASE LIST FIELDS IN WHICH YOU PRACTICE:

WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PRACTICE SETTINGS?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental legal services organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly employed lawyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate law department | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired justice or judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired lawyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi-judicial officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

LENGTH OF TIME IN PRACTICE: _____

If not a lawyer, list length of time in profession: _____

DATE ADMITTED TO THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA (month and year): _____

I am currently Active Inactive

Other jurisdiction(s) to which you have been admitted to practice: _____

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF YOUR OFFICE?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole practitioner | <input type="checkbox"/> 36-100 lawyer office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10 lawyer office | <input type="checkbox"/> 101+ lawyer office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-35 lawyer office | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |

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CALIFORNIA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SECTIONS. Please list the CLA sections of which you are a member (*all applicants to a section's executive committee must be a member of that section*).

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS VACANCY? (*check all that apply; specify if requested*)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local bar association | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Representatives (<i>name</i>): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLA publication or CLA website | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair (<i>name</i>): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colleague | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>): _____ |

DISCIPLINE RECORD. Have you ever been the subject of any licensing agency discipline? If Yes, please attach detailed information.

- Yes No

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SIGNATURE: Sign and date your application.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Signatures may be via pen or official digital signature; typed "/s/" signatures will not be accepted).

DEADLINE: **March 1 (Section Executive Committees)**
 August 1 (CLA Committees)

CODE OF CONDUCT: CLA expects all members to observe and promote the highest standards of ethical and professional behavior, including faithfully abiding by the laws, regulations, and rules applicable to the member's profession. Additionally, we expect the CLA Board of Representatives, CLA Corporate Officers, Section Officers, Section Executive Committee members, Section Advisors, and other Section volunteers (collectively, "Volunteers") to demonstrate ethical conduct by acting in the manner described in this Code of Conduct. **View the CLA code of Conduct here:** <https://calawyers.org/cla/leadership/leadership-resources/code-of-conduct/>

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- Sign and date application and follow the application filing instructions. Your application is confidential.
- If you apply electronically (e-mail), please do not mail a hard copy.