

Application Information

The Board Observer Program (BOP) is a partnership between the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association (DLSC), and the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association (YLD). The BOP gives young lawyers practicing in Philadelphia County the opportunity to learn more about local legal services organizations and other nonprofits, and to gain the leadership skills necessary to serve on Boards of such organizations as well as to succeed in their future careers.

An applicant for BOP must be:

- A member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association; and
- Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and be in good standing.

If you are not yet a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, you must join by the time your application is submitted. If you are a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association who has not reached their 40th birthday or are within the first three years of admission, you are automatically a member of the YLD. Information on membership may be found at www.philabar.org.

Applicants with a demonstrated interest in community service and/or pro bono work are preferred, but prior experience in these areas is not required for participation. Applicants who are not selected for the program are encouraged to reapply next year.

To apply, complete the application form and provide a current résumé. Your résumé should highlight any community service and/or pro bono experience and should indicate previous or current Board service.

Please send application material via email to: Jessica Hilburn-Holmes, Esq., Executive Director, Philadelphia Bar Foundation at info@philabarfoundation.org with the subject line: **BOP Application 2020 [Applicant's Name]**. You may also send any questions to that address, or you may reach Jessica by phone at 215-238-6347.

Applications for the 2020 Program must be submitted by September 6, 2019.

BOARD OBSERVER PROGRAM

APPLICATION

Name:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

E-mail:

(Most communications are done by e-mail, so please provide an e-mail address that you check frequently.)

Current Employer & Length of Employment:

Law School & Year of Graduation:

Are you a member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association? YES NO

Please list other Philadelphia Bar Association sections or committees you are a member of, if any:

Admissions:

(Include jurisdictions and admission dates)

How Did You Hear of the Board Observer Program?

Statement of Interest in the Board Observer Program:

Please attach a one-page statement of interest. Your statement should discuss both the reasons for your interest in BOP as well as what you hope to achieve through participation in the program.

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References:

Please provide two references and their contact information who may be reached regarding your application. Please note, it is preferred that your current employer be included as a reference.

Areas of Interest:

Please indicate whether you would prefer to be placed with the Board of a legal services organization or with the Board of a non-legal services nonprofit:

Please indicate the top three areas in which you are most interested, and rank from 1 (least) to 3 (most). Note that there is no guarantee that you will be matched with a Board that addresses these issues but preferences will be taken into account.

Children's Issues

Hunger

Community-Based Services

Immigrant Workers' Issues

Constitutional Issues/Impact Litigation

Interfaith Relations

Criminal Law

LGBTQ Rights & Issues

Disability Rights & Healthcare Issues

The Arts

Education

Urban Blight

Elder Law (focusing on poverty law issues)

Service Dog Training

Family Law

Veterans' Issues

General Litigation

Women's Rights

Housing & Homeless Issues

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Skills:

Please indicate whether you have previous experience with, or a particular interest in, any of the following areas:

Financial Management/Accounting

Media/Public Relations/Marketing

Public Speaking

Employment/HR Issues

Grant Writing

Program Development

Event Planning

Fundraising

Volunteer Recruitment

Other:

Certification:

By signing below you certify that if you accept your placement with a Board, you will:

1. Make every effort to attend BOP events, including CLEs, lunch-and-learn programs, and mid-year check-ins.
2. Attend all Board meetings to which your organization invites you unless you have a significant scheduling conflict.
3. Notify your Board mentor and the BOP Committee immediately should any situation arise that would affect your ability to participate meaningfully in the BOP (such as a move, job change, or recurring scheduling conflicts).
4. Notify the BOP Committee of any change in your contact information.

Name / Signature

Date

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Thank you for your interest in the Board Observer Program!

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