



COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM

Inductees are encouraged to get involved in the College through committee participation. Appointments are made annually, with terms generally beginning and ending at the time of the Annual Meeting.

State and Province Committees

The core responsibility of the State and Province Committees is to identify, investigate and nominate qualified attorneys for Fellowship. State and Province Committees also engage in outreach efforts that include judging regional trial competitions sponsored by the College and providing trial advocacy training for inexperienced lawyers and lawyers in public service.

General Committees

The College's General Committees fall into three broad categories: recommendation of honorees; administration and management; and areas of the law or legal system. A list of General Committees and their mandates is on the back of this page.

If you are interested in serving on a State/Province or General Committee, please use this form to identify your top three choices and submit it to the National Office. Please contact the National Office if you have any questions.

Name and City _____

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Please email this form to amrugalski@actl.com

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND LEGAL SERVICES

To encourage and facilitate the provision of pro bono legal services by individual College Fellows to persons who are unable to afford counsel to represent themselves effectively in litigation.

ADJUNCT FELLOWSHIP

(Appointed in accordance with the Bylaws, Article 3, Section 3.4(b)). To consider and make recommendations with respect to nominations of lawyers whose trial experience and trial activities are not known to the State or Province Committee of the particular state or province where the lawyer resides or maintains his or her office.

ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP

To study and make recommendations with reference to the standards of the College for admission to Fellowship, to investigate and determine whether those standards are properly administered in each of the several states or provinces; to develop and suggest procedures to be followed by the State and Province Committees in proposing nominations.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

To study and inform the Fellows about significant developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution, to provide the Fellows with information on effective utilization of Alternative Dispute Resolution in conjunction with Trial Practice, and to suggest to the Fellows ways in which the College can make, and assist in implementing, positive contributions to the effective use of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS

To examine and keep abreast of developments in the field, particularly as they may relate to the traditional privilege of communications between attorney and client and maintenance of client confidences.

BEVERLEY MCLACHLIN ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

The Award, named for The Honourable Beverley McLachlin, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, is to be awarded to a judge or a member of the bar in the United States or Canada, whether or not a Fellow of the College, who has played an exceptional role in creating and promoting access to justice. The Award will recognize innovative measures or extraordinary personal commitment and professional dedication which have enhanced access to justice in the United States or Canada.

CANADA - UNITED STATES

To identify trial-related issues of common interest between Canada and the United States and, where appropriate, to plan for, monitor and prepare papers concerning these issues.

COMMUNICATIONS

To serve as an editorial board for the College with respect to White Papers, special reports and other publications, on a wide variety of topics, with the exception of the Journal. The Communications Committee ensures that the publications it reviews are of the highest quality and consistent with the high standards of the College. The Committee contributes content to the eBulletin and makes editorial decisions.

COMPLEX LITIGATION

To study and monitor procedures in complex and multi-district litigation and make proposals in connection therewith; to prepare and disseminate written materials relating thereto.

EMIL GUMPART AWARD

To receive and investigate recommendations for the Award and recommend worthy candidates to the Board of Regents. The Award recognizes programs, whether public

or private, whose principal purpose is to maintain and improve the administration of justice.

FEDERAL CIVIL PROCEDURE

To monitor the operation of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and other federal civil procedural developments generally, to determine the adequacy of the operation of the rules and procedures in federal civil cases, to evaluate proposed changes, and to make recommendations with regard to these matters.

FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

To monitor the operation of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and other federal criminal procedural developments generally, to determine the adequacy of the operation of the rules and procedures in federal criminal cases, to evaluate proposed changes, and to make recommendations with regard to these matters.

FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE

To monitor the operation of the Federal Rules of Evidence, to determine their adequate operation and to study and make recommendations with regard to desirable changes.

GALE CUP

To monitor the operation of the Gale Cup Moot competition; to ensure that the competition continues to bear the stamp of excellence meriting the College's association with it; to ensure that, where fiscal support is provided by the College, appropriate budgetary mechanisms are in place so that the College can be confident that its money and resources are being well spent; and to ensure that the Fellows of the College are engaged in these activities to an extent that is appropriate and useful and that the College has appropriate involvement and recognition in the competition as a significant sponsor, including recruiting Fellows to serve as judges and assessors, presentation of awards and having an officer speak at the closing banquets.

GRIFFIN BELL AWARD FOR COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

To receive and investigate recommendations for the Award and recommend worthy candidates to the Board of Regents. The Award is the highest honor conferred by the College upon an individual trial lawyer and recognizes lawyers who have persevered in pursuit of an important cause despite substantial personal danger, fear, unpopularity, opposition, or other difficulties.

HERITAGE

To maintain a permanent archival facility to include inter alia, a library of living history through videotaped interviews of senior Fellows; appropriately coordinated written records in the possession of Fellows of the College, particularly Past Presidents and members of the Board of Regents relating to College activities over the years, together with such other heritage initiatives as will ensure that there exists, in the future, a meaningful archival history of the College and its Fellows.

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

To make recommendations to the Board of Regents with respect to the election of Honorary Fellows.

INTERNATIONAL

To monitor and identify issues affecting the practice of transnational and international litigation and arbitration in the United States and Canada (excluding cross-border issues between the two), and where appropriate, to plan for and prepare papers concerning such trial related issues and to promote the rule of law internationally. The Committee identifies, assists in the planning of and promotes participation by Fellows in trial skills training for lawyers and other legal education initiatives consistent with the mandate of the College in appropriate countries outside of the United States and Canada

INVESTMENT

To review and monitor the work of the College's investment manager, as outlined in the College's investment policy.

JUDICIARY

To identify opportunities that enable the College to contribute to the strength, independence and effectiveness of the American and Canadian judiciaries by (i) establishing and maintaining cooperative relationships with appropriate agencies, organizations, and the courts; (ii) analyzing and seeking to ameliorate barriers to the attraction and retention of highly qualified judges; (iii) distributing appropriate College publications, including the Code of Pretrial and Trial Conduct; and (iv) participating in other programs and projects to educate, train, and assist the judiciaries in the discharge of their duties.

JURY

To undertake such initiatives as may be required from time to time to preserve and enhance the jury as a fundamental feature of the administration of justice in Canada and the United States and, to this end, to maintain close observations upon developments affecting the institution which may occur from time to time and which could have an effect upon its strength, stability and effectiveness in the future.

LEGAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

To advance, improve, and promote ethical standards and professionalism in the trial bar in all its aspects in both the United States and Canada.

NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION

To assist the Texas Young Lawyers Association in the organization and administration of the National Trial Competition, including the recruitment of accredited law schools to participate; the recruitment of Fellows to participate as judges at the various regional competitions; participation as jurors at the national and regional finals of the Competition; and to promote the credibility of the Competition as a premier event and to promote the Competition as a quality educational experience for law students interested in trial advocacy. To select the winner at the final rounds of the competition.

ONLINE ADVISORY To monitor and recommend improvements to the College's website and to consider the effectiveness of the website as a tool to further the mission of the College.

OUTREACH

To develop, through appropriate communication initiatives, the external profile of the College so that it may serve more effectively and improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice, and the ethics of the trial profession. To monitor the Outreach section of the website and make recommendations for its improvement.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

To represent the interests of the College in the training of public defenders. In performing its work, the Committee will be expected to assist the College in identifying public defenders who may be qualified for admission to Fellowship.

SAMUEL E. GATES LITIGATION AWARD

To receive and investigate recommendations for the Award and recommend worthy candidates to the Board of Regents. The Award honors a lawyer or judge, whether or not a Fellow of the College, who has made a significant, exceptional and lasting contribution to the improvement of the litigation process.

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR JURIST AWARD

To receive and investigate recommendations for the Award and recommend worthy candidates to the Board of Regents. The Award, named for Sandra Day O'Connor, is

to be given from time to time to a judge in the United States or Canada, whether or not a Fellow of the College, who has demonstrated exemplary judicial independence in the performance of his or her duties, sometimes in especially difficult or even dangerous circumstances.

SOPINKA CUP

To monitor the operation of the Sopinka Cup trial competition; to ensure that the competition continues to bear the stamp of excellence meriting the College's association with it; to ensure that, where fiscal support is provided by the College, appropriate budgetary mechanisms are in place so that the College can be confident that its money and resources are being well spent; and to ensure that the Fellows of the College are engaged in these activities to an extent that is appropriate and useful and that the College has appropriate involvement and recognition in the competition as a significant sponsor, including recruiting Fellows to serve as judges and assessors, presentation of awards and having an officer speak at the closing banquets.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (U.S.)

To recommend improvements in the administration of justice in the United States and to suggest ways to maintain proper liaison with others to that end.

TEACHING OF TRIAL AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY

To promote and encourage the teaching of trial and appellate advocacy and the participation of the College and its Fellows in the teaching process.