Program and Application Information

Program Requirements

To be considered for the program applicants must:

- Be an active member in good standing with the State Bar of Arizona.
- Admitted to practice law in a U.S. jurisdiction for at least two (2) years. Eligibility is based on date of bar admission.
- Complete and submit an online application by June 30, 2018.
- Submit a letter of recommendation by July 7, 2018
- Commit to attend all sessions
- Commit to one year of participation in the State Bar, through membership in a committee, section or special appointment and/or participate in an affinity bar association or community organization.

Application

Unless otherwise noted all form fields must be filled out and your resume uploaded for the application to be complete. A confirmation email will be sent once your application is received. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their application, including the letter of recommendation, is complete. Applicants will be notified of their selection status no later than August 10, 2018.

Letter of Recommendation

Applicants are required to have at least one letter of recommendation that speaks to the applicant’s leadership skills, ability and potential. Recommendation letters may be submitted through email at BLI@staff.azbar.org or to the address listed below. Confirmation emails will be sent to the applicant and person providing the reference. Recommendation letters must be received by July 7, 2018.

Program Commitment

Attendance and participation at each session is vital to gaining full benefit from the program. Please discuss your application with your employer as participation in the program will require you to be absent from work on session days. Exceptions to this policy are approved on a case by case basis. If you are unable to set aside this time, please consider applying another year, when your schedule permits.

Session Schedule:
The program begins with a two day weekend retreat in September. Thereafter sessions are held one Friday a month through May. Program length times vary but will generally begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. All sessions are in the Phoenix metro area with the exception of the overnight retreat, which will be held in Tubac, AZ.

Below is the 2018-19 session schedule. Please be advised that on rare occasion a session may be rescheduled. Students will be notified at least a month (and likely several months) in advance of schedule changes.

- September 22-23, 2018 – Overnight Retreat in Tubac AZ
- October 19, 2018
- November 15, 2018 (Evening Reception with BLI Advisory Group)
- November 16, 2018
- December 7, 2018
- January 11, 2019
- February 8, 2019
- March 8, 2019
- April 12, 2019
- May 10, 2019 - Graduation

**Program Cost**

The Bar Leadership Institute fee is $250. The fee includes the cost of the program, session materials, group meals, and travel expenses for those residing outside Maricopa County. Fee waivers are available to those demonstrating financial need. Participants may request a fee waiver after acceptance into the program. The BLI Selection Committee reviews all fee waiver requests.

**Continuing Legal Education Credits**

Participants receive up to two years of CLE credit. CLE credit will be uploaded to participant’s AzBar CLE tracking page.

For questions about the BLI, please contact:

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