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, 2019.
- Submit a letter of recommendation by July 7, 2019.
- 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.
- Applicants will be notified of their selection status no later than August 15, 2019.

Application

Unless otherwise noted all fields must be filled out and your resume uploaded for the application to be complete. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their application, including the letter of recommendation, is complete.

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.

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:
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 2019-20 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 14-15, 2019 – Overnight Retreat in Tubac AZ
- October 18, 2019
- November 14, 2019 (Evening Reception with BLI Advisory Group)
- November 15, 2019
- December 6, 2019
- January 10, 2020
- February 7, 2020
- March 6, 2020
- April 3, 2020
- May 8, 2020 - Graduation

**Program Cost**

The Bar Leadership Institute fee is $250. 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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