



ROAD TO THE BENCH ACADEMY APPLICATION

The Palm Beach County Bar Association Committee for Diversity and Inclusion is now accepting applications for the 2023 Road to the Bench Academy. The Academy is a non-partisan training and mentorship program to encourage diversity on the bench. Participants will receive training courses over five sessions on various topics related to the appointment and election process to become a judge.

All applications must be received on or before **January 20, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. (EST)**. Applicants must include the following required documents along with your application: Professional Resume and Current Professional Headshot (High resolution in JPEG). The participation fee for the Academy is \$100.00 for private practice attorneys and \$50.00 for public interest/government attorneys.

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. E-mail:

4. Phone number:

5. Practice Area:

6. Place of employment

7. Year of Bar Admission:

8. Preferred track (please select one):

Election

Appointment

9. Why are you interested in participating in the academy? (please limit to max 250 words):

10. How soon are you looking to become a judge? _____

11. Race (please select an option below):

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African America
White Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

12. Ethnicity (please select an option below):

- Hispanic or Latino Non-Hispanic or Latino

13. Gender (please select an option below):

- Male Female Non-Binary Other

14. Do you consider yourself to be a member of the LGBTQ+ community?

- Yes No

15. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes No

16. Religious affiliation (optional):

Scholarship Assistant: Two program participation scholarships will be awarded to applicants who have financial need in order to participate in the Academy. If you are seeking a scholarship, please answer the following question:

Why do you need financial assistance to participate in the Road to the Bench Academy?

Program Participation Affirmation:

I understand that this Academy consists of 5 sessions. By agreeing to this question and submitting this application, I hereby agree to participate in at least 4 of the 5 sessions.

Confirm Deny

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Please send the completed application to Carla Tharp Brown, PBCBA Executive Director, at CTBrown@palmbeachbar.org.