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March 12, 2019

The Los Angeles Chapter of ABOTA is now accepting nominations for *SideBar* 2019!

In its sixth year, our Chapter's ABOTA *SideBar* program continues to reach out to younger and more diverse lawyers in our legal community to educate them on the benefits of ABOTA and to encourage them to work towards obtaining the necessary qualifications for admission. I am proud to report that several prior *SideBar* participants have become ABOTA members, increasing our membership and diversity.

As trials become harder to come by and practices become more specialized, the prominence and role of ABOTA have become less clear to the younger generation. Many young trial attorneys do not understand the importance of ABOTA or the benefits of being a member. *SideBar* responds to this problem by reaching out to young trial lawyers and introducing them to ABOTA in a social setting. *SideBar* is a means to identify prospective members, cultivate relationships with them, and inspire them to become a member. *SideBar* also seeks to increase diversity within ABOTA by connecting with young attorneys with varied backgrounds. Finally, this program bridges the gap between the ABOTA Fellowship Program and membership by maintaining a relationship with past Fellows.

Now, we call on current members to identify prospective future members of ABOTA by April 12, 2019. After a pool of future prospective members is identified, *SideBar* will select prospective members and organize intimate social events with the ABOTA members that nominated them. At the *SideBar* events, current members will discuss the benefits and purpose of ABOTA with the prospective members and encourage them to work toward qualifying for membership.

This year's *SideBar* event is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019. A limited number of prospective future members will be selected to participate. They will be invited, along with the current member that identified them, for a private cocktail party hosted by BD&J and other ABOTA members.

We need your help in identifying young attorneys that, with a little encouragement, are likely to qualify for ABOTA in the future. These people may be past ABOTA Fellows, lawyers who are actively trying cases, or young attorneys that show a sincere interest in participating in trials. We encourage you to look outside your firm and consider opposing counsel in your recent cases. If your nominee is selected for this event, *SideBar* will reach out to them.

Submissions are due April 12, 2019. There is limited space, so make your submission now! Form is attached for your convenience.

Thank you,



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