

NBA ASSOCIATE ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE APPLICATION APPLICANT FORM

The NBA Associate Advancement Academy for Excellence ("NBA Associate Advancement Academy" or "Academy") is specifically intended to facilitate the advancement and retention of its members or potential member attorneys in the nation's largest firms (e.g., AmLaw 200 law firms). The Academy will include educational, networking, mentoring, and pro bono/community service components as part of a year-long academy tailored to advance the careers of junior attorneys selected to participate in the Academy (e.g., attorneys within the first 3 years of practice in an AmLaw 200 firm). The 2026-2027 cohort will include approximately 20 associates, with no more than two associates from any one firm. Academy participants will participate in monthly educational and networking sessions, monthly mentoring check-ins with their law firm mentor and corporate in-house counsel mentor, and various NBA events throughout the year. The specifics of these mandatory sessions are provided below.

The application materials (i.e., the NBA Associate Advancement Academy Application Applicant Form; NBA Associate Advancement Academy Application Firm Support Certification; Statement from Firm Managing Partner, Office Managing Partner, or applicant's Practice Group Chair explaining why the firm recommends the applicant for the Academy (no more than 250 words), the applicant's Current Resume; and a Letter of Interest detailing why the applicant wants to participate in the Academy (including, but not limited to, participation in the National Bar Association or one of its affiliates or like organizations)) must be submitted as one PDF to AAAcademy@nationalbar.org by August 28, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. EST. The Selection Committee shall have the final decision in determining the applicant's acceptance.

NBA ASSOCIATE ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE OVERVIEW

Participation Expectations (October 2026 – July 2027)

• **Monthly Virtual Professional Development and Networking Sessions (October 2026 - June 2027):**

- Anatomy of a Law Firm: How It Makes Money
- Legal Research & Writing Skills Workshop
- Transaction Skills Workshop
- Accounting 101 & Corporate Basics
- The Art of Business Development
- The Clients: In House Legal Perspectives
- Building your Brand Externally
- Building your Brand Internally
- Wellness (physical and mental)
- Doing Well While Doing Good (successfully integrating pro bono/service into firm practice)

• **Monthly mentoring check-ins with assigned law firm and corporate in-house counsel mentors.**

In-Person Attendance at the Following NBA Events:

➤ ***NBA Academy Orientation**

October 2, 2026 | Washington, D.C.

(Fellow covers transportation and lodging costs)

➤ ***Commercial Law Section Conference**

February 25-27, 2027 | The Conrad at Evermore, Orlando, FL

Estimated Registration Cost:

\$1,100 (Early Bird) | \$1,200 (Regular)

(Should your firm elect to sponsor, sponsorship includes conference registration)

➤ ***Corporate Law Section's Gateway to Success Seminar**

April 16, 2027 | Durham, NC

Estimated Registration Cost: \$500

➤ ***NBA Annual Convention and NBA Academy Graduation**

July 17-23, 2027 | Tampa, FL

Estimated Registration Cost:

\$1,050 (Early Bird) | \$1,200 (Regular)

**Transportation and lodging expenses are not included. All registration fees are estimates and subject to final approval by the NBA Board of Governors.*

APPLICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Applicant Name	Address
Phone	Email
Practice Group	Gender
Firm	Class Year

APPLICANT MATERIALS

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2. NBA Associate Advancement Academy Application Firm Support Certification
3. Statement from Firm Managing Partner, Office Managing Partner, or your Practice Group Chair explaining why the firm recommends you for the Academy (no more than 250 words)
4. Current Resume
5. Letter of Interest detailing why you want to participate in the Academy

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Applicant Signature

I _____ (applicant name) certify that the included materials are accurate, and that I will commit to participating in the mandatory NBA Associate Advancement Academy activities unless I have a significant conflict, in which case, I will provide advance notice of the conflict.

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Signature