



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER  
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**NOMINATION FOR  
MEMBERSHIP**

This “Nomination for Membership” form is required by the Los Angeles Chapter of ABOTA for all new members. This form must be completed and signed by **two** current LA-ABOTA members who are sponsoring the Nominee. This form should be returned with the Nominee’s membership application and worksheets to LA-ABOTA (at the address above) for processing.

Thank you for sponsoring a prospective member of ABOTA. As you know, our continued success as the Los Angeles Chapter of ABOTA depends on sponsorship by members such as yourself, who understand, appreciate, and exemplify the high ethical and professional standards of our organization.

Upon receipt of the application, worksheets, this sponsor form, and application fee, this application will be presented for a vote by the Executive Committee at a date to be determined. Pursuant to our rules regarding the vetting and approval of applicants, sponsor attendance is requested to present this Nominee to the Executive Committee by discussing his/her attributes, accomplishments, and ethical and professional behavior and reputation. There may be questions posed by some members after a sponsor’s presentation. If issues arise with respect to this Nominee and you and/or the secondary sponsor are not available, the application may have to be deferred until you or the secondary sponsor is available. Sponsors will be notified of the date and time of the Executive Committee meeting in which the membership applicant will be discussed.

We remind you of our strict policy of keeping all aspects of this process confidential. Details of discussions and questions posed during the meeting, as well as the identity of anyone raising questions or issues should **never** be disclosed to the Nominee.

In light of the current pandemic, ABOTA permits an ABOTA member who is sponsoring a Nominee for membership to arrange a Zoom introduction of the Nominee to the Executive Committee members. A Zoom meeting is voluntary and not required. ABOTA rules prohibit campaigning. A Zoom meeting is strictly to introduce the Nominee to the Executive Committee members.

Thank you for being an important part of ABOTA and our Los Angeles Chapter. We appreciate your sponsorship and your cooperation during this important process

Name of Membership Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, E-Mail and Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **First Sponsor Submitting** the Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted to LA-ABOTA: \_\_\_\_\_ I am primarily an attorney for the: Defense \_\_\_\_ Plaintiff \_\_\_\_

Known Nominee for \_\_\_\_\_ years

Litigation Experience with Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Sponsor**

**Please attest to the following:**

1. I have reason to believe that at the time of application to ABOTA, the Nominee does possess the trial experience requirements for membership;
2. I have sufficient knowledge and experience with the Nominee to attest to their good character and reputation for civility and integrity and agree to appear before the Membership Committee and/or the Executive Committee to so state;
3. I believe the Nominee has and will comply with the ABOTA Code of Professionalism and Principles of Civility;
4. To my knowledge, the Nominee has not previously applied for membership to the Los Angeles Chapter or any other Chapter of ABOTA;
5. I have no reason to believe that the Nominee is seeking membership in ABOTA primarily for business marketing or self-promotional activities;
6. I will encourage the Nominee to become a Fellow in the ABOTA Foundation.

**Please provide responses to the following requests for information regarding the Professional Standing of the Nominee:**

1. Has the Nominee been the subject of any professional disciplinary proceedings that have resulted in his or her bar admission status being impaired in any way? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, please state, in detail, the nature and disposition of any such proceedings.

2. Has the Nominee ever been held in contempt or otherwise disciplined by any judicial or governmental body? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, please state the facts and circumstances in detail.

3. Is there any other information you are aware of that will assist in the evaluation of the Nominee for membership in ABOTA?

**Please attach additional sheets, if needed, to fully describe the reasons why the Nominee should be a member of ABOTA.**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct:

Signature of **First Sponsor Submitting** this Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **Second Sponsor Submitting** the Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted to LA-ABOTA: \_\_\_\_\_ I am primarily an attorney for the: Defense \_\_\_\_ Plaintiff \_\_\_\_

Known Nominee for \_\_\_\_\_ years

Litigation Experience with Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Sponsor**

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*Please direct any questions to Jennifer Blevins at the office above or [jennifer@la-abota.org](mailto:jennifer@la-abota.org). Thank you.*