





WHAT IS THE LEADERSHIP FORUM?

The Mission of the Memphis Bar Association Leadership Forum is to:

- Develop the leadership skills of attorneys in their early years of practice;
- Empower those attorneys to use their leadership skills to make greater contributions to the Memphis community and the legal profession;
- Model and practice the highest standards of the legal profession; and
- Encourage diversity in the practice of law and the building of relationships among attorneys of diverse backgrounds.

HOW DOES THE LEADERSHIP FORUM WORK?

The Leadership Forum begins with a full-day retreat on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at which leadership concepts will be introduced and participants will get to know one another. Monthly sessions from October through April will explore such topics as

- Communication Skills
- Negotiation
- Attorneys' Role in the Community
- Balancing Work and Life
- Public Trust & Confidence in the Judicial System

Sessions are scheduled from noon until 4:00 p.m. and lunch is provided. Participants are required to attend the retreat and miss no more than two of the monthly sessions. The Forum concludes with a graduation ceremony in May.

The monthly sessions are held at various locations around the city, to acquaint participants with the services and programs offered by community organizations. Representatives of these organizations are invited to make a brief presentation and give tours of the facility. Sessions have been held at MIFA, the Central Library, the National Civil Rights Museum, and the Michael Rose Theatre on the University of Memphis campus.

In addition, participants are divided into smaller groups, which are each assigned a mentor. Each small group is charged with developing and implementing a community service project during the Forum.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any Memphis Bar Association member who will be in his/her third to eighth year of practice during the Forum may apply. The Steering Committee will review applications and select the participants by July 1, 2005. Class size is limited to 25. Participants will be selected to insure diversity in terms of practice area, type of practice, size of firm, law school attended, race, and gender.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Tuition is \$550, which covers 25 hours of CLE credit, lunches, and printed materials. A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Anne Fritz at the MBA (afritz@memphisbar.org) to receive a scholarship application.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete and submit the application package by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2005. The Steering Committee will review applications and notify participants no later than July 1, 2005.

Applications may be submitted by MAIL to Anne Fritz, Executive Director; Memphis Bar Association; One Commerce Square, Suite 1050; Memphis, TN 38103; by FAX, (901) 527-3573; or by EMAIL to afritz@memphisbar.org.

The Memphis Bar Association would like to extend a Special Thanks to the 2005-2006 Leadership Forum Steering Committee:

G. Patrick Arnoult	David Prather
Danese Blankenship	Kathy Story
Susan Clark	Judge Diane Vescovo
Rae Oliver	David Wade



EDUCATION

Please provide the following information for all undergraduate, graduate and law schools.

University/College	Degree	Graduation Date	Major

Please list any significant awards or honors for either academic or extracurricular activities during undergraduate, graduate and law school.

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VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY/BAR ACTIVITIES

Please list any other volunteer, community or bar association activities in which you are or have been involved during the last eight years.

Organization (including Location)	Describe Activity or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement



VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY/BAR ACTIVITIES (continued)

Select up to three volunteer, community, or bar activities that have been most significant to you, and describe, in less than 150 words per activity, the dates of your involvement and the reasons that activity has been meaningful, especially as it relates to your leadership experience.

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MISCELLANEOUS

List any other activities, leadership positions, honors or awards that you desire to bring to the attention of the Selection Committee:

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Explain why you desire to participate in the Leadership Forum.



PARTICIPATION INFORMATION (continued)

Explain how you can contribute to the Leadership Forum.

Describe the three qualities that you believe are most important for leadership positions in bar and/or community organizations.



APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I hereby apply to the Memphis Bar Association Leadership Forum and understand that in order to graduate from the Leadership Forum. I must attend the mandatory retreat on Saturday, September 17, 2005; miss no more than two of the seven monthly programs; and dedicate the additional time necessary to fully participate in a successful group service project.

Signature _____

Date _____

We understand the time commitment necessary for the above applicant to participate in the Leadership Forum and support the applicant's acceptance into the program.

Name of Applicant's Firm/Employer _____

Signature _____

Date _____