NSBA Council of School Attorneys Board Nomination Questionnaire

Dear COSA Member:

Whether you are nominating someone else or yourself with the support of a sponsor, the completion and submission of this Board Nomination Questionnaire indicates a candidate’s willingness to accept a nomination from the COSA Nominating Committee to serve as a director-at-large on the COSA Board for a two-year term.

The information provided will assist the Committee in evaluating the candidate in a wide range of criteria. The same information will be gathered from each candidate.

The completed Questionnaire must be submitted by Friday, January 17, 2020 by mail or e-mail to:

Council of School Attorneys
c/o Cheryl Richardson
National School Boards Association
1680 Duke St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
crichardson@nsba.org

Please attach a short biography of the candidate, letter(s) supporting the candidacy, and any desired additional information.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE *:

*Must be a member in good standing of the NSBA Council of School Attorneys.
NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF NOMINATOR/SPONSOR*:

*If you are nominating yourself as a candidate, please ask another COSA member in good standing to “sponsor” your self-nomination.

Nominator/sponsor should forward a letter outlining the accomplishments of the candidate and reasons for support of the candidate’s nomination.
The following information should be completed by the candidate for nomination.

**Type of Practice**

How long have you practiced school law? ________

What percentage of your professional time is spent practicing school law? (Please check one)

- [ ] 100%
- [ ] 75-99%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 26-49%
- [ ] 0-25%

What type of school law practice do you have?

- [ ] Solo practice
- [ ] In-house counsel
- [ ] Small firm
- [ ] State Association counsel
- [ ] Large firm
- [ ] Other: please specify

If you are in private practice, what are the primary school districts that you represent?

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If you are an in-house counsel for a school district:

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<th>Which is your school district of current employment?</th>
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Did you practice school law before becoming in-house counsel?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Where else have you practiced school law?

If you are a counsel/attorney for a state school boards association:

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<td>How long have you worked for the association?</td>
<td>Are you an outside counsel?</td>
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What kind of work do you do for the association?

If outside counsel, where else do you practice school law?
## COSA Membership

| How many years have you been a member of the NSBA Council of School Attorneys? | ________ |
| List any presentations, publications or other volunteer work you have done for COSA and/or with the NSBA Office of Counsel. |

| Over the past 5 years, how many times have you attended the following COSA programs: |
| Spring School Law Seminar | Fall Law Practice Seminar | Webinars | _______ | _______ | _______ |

| What do you value most about your COSA membership? (May be attached in a separate document.) |

| What would you do as a COSA Board member to (1) help support COSA’s role as the lead organization on school law matters, and (2) enhance the active participation of COSA’s members? (May be attached in a separate document.) |

## Relations with state council of school attorneys

| If you practice in a state with a council of school attorneys: |
| How many years have you been a member? | Is your state council affiliated with the NSBA Council of School Attorneys? |
| ______ | ______ Yes | ______ No | ______ Don’t Know/NA |
In the past five years, how many of your state council meetings and programs have you attended?  _____

How many meetings and programs does your state council hold each year?  _____

What leadership positions have you held?

What presentations, publications or other types of volunteer work have you done for your state council of school attorneys. Please list date and topic.

Relations with state school boards association

What presentations, publications or other types of volunteer work (e.g. participation in advisory workgroups) have you done for your state school boards association? Please list date and topic.
Relations with Other Professional Associations and School-Related Governmental Entities

What types of volunteer service and leadership roles have you provided for other local, state or national professional associations, e.g. ABA, local bar, labor/arbitration organizations etc.?

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Have you served in any local, state or national think tank or other work group(s) charged with providing governmental entities advice on issues related to the governance/operation of public schools? Please list.

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COSA Board Service

Do you have any colleagues in your current practice who are serving, or have served, on the COSA Board?

___ Yes ___ No ___ Don’t Know (If yes, who and when? _____________________________)

Have you been nominated for service on the COSA Board before?

___ Yes ___ No (If yes, when? ________)

Why do you wish to become a COSA Board member? (May be included in a separate document.)
Please indicate your acknowledgement of the time necessary to fulfill the expectations of COSA Board membership, and your commitment to the expectations of service as described in the attached COSA Board Member Service and Nomination Process document. (May be included in a separate document.)

Please indicate your employer’s knowledge and support of your potential candidacy as a member of the COSA Board of Directors, including the employer’s acknowledgement of the time commitment. (May be attached in a separate document.)

**OPTIONAL Demographic Information:**

**Sex:**  □ Male  □ Female  □ Non-Binary

**Race:**
□ Caucasian  □ Hispanic
□ African-American  □ Native American
□ Asian/Pacific Islander  □ Multi-Cultural
□ Please add any description you feel is relevant: ________________________________

**Thank you** for completing the questionnaire. Please mail or e-mail the completed questionnaire and any additional information that would support the candidate’s nomination to:

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The deadline for receipt of nominations is **Friday, January 17, 2020.**

For questions about the nominating process, please contact Cheryl Richardson, NSBA, at 703.838.6714. Feel free to also contact Diane Marshall-Freeman, Chair, 2020 Nominating Committee, at **dmmarshall-freeman@f3law.com** with questions on Board service.