2018-2019 NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION (NCBA) COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

**Administration of Justice Committee** monitors the civil and criminal justice systems in North Carolina and addresses important issues such as overcrowded court dockets, creation of new courts, public defender's offices and judicial salaries.

**Appellate Rules Committee** examines the rules of appellate procedure and recommends any revisions to the Board of Governors for ultimate referral and consideration by the N.C. Supreme Court.

**Awards & Recognitions Committee** reviews all awards and recognitions bestowed by the NCBA and the NCBF, including but not limited to the naming of existing awards and recognitions and establishment and naming of new awards.

**Bench/Bar Liaison Committee** promotes cooperation between the bench and the bar to advance the legal profession and its service to the public.

**Communications Committee** monitors the communications program of the NCBA/NCBF, monitors production of the This is the Law pamphlet series, and judges the NCBA Media and the Law Awards presented annually at the N.C. Press Association’s winter conference.

**Continuing Legal Education Advisory Committee** provides strategic advice to the Director of CLE concerning offerings of the CLE department. Committee members with competencies in e-commerce, curriculum design, online learning management systems, adult learning, and publishing are sought.

**Convention Planning Committee** assists with planning the NCBA Annual Meeting.

**Future of Law Committee** tracks and analyzes the impact of leading edge technology in the law.

**Investment Committee** oversees the investments of the North Carolina Bar Association and North Carolina Bar Foundation, including the Endowment, and assures that their respective funds are invested in the proper manner.

**Judicial Independence Committee** strives to increase public and legislative awareness of the importance of an independent judiciary and seeks improvements in judicial selection in North Carolina.

**Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee** oversees the survey of North Carolina lawyers as a public service to evaluate the trial bench candidates (Superior and District Courts) in each election cycle.

**Law School Liaison Committee** facilitates communication between legal educators and the practicing bar and serves as a clearinghouse for information regarding N.C. law schools.

**Lawyer Effectiveness & Quality of Life Committee** studies the successful practice of law and issues of work-life balance in an increasingly complex and competitive profession.

**Lawyer Referral Service Committee** monitors the operation of our North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service and recommends improvements to the program.
Legislative Advisory Committee works with the NCBA’s Office of Governmental Affairs to provide advice and counsel to the Board of Governors regarding public policy and legislative priorities. It closely considers strategies and initiatives that the NCBA may undertake to effectively advance its legislative agenda, particularly on substantive legislation involving the legal profession and the administration of justice. The Committee will develop and propose recommendations to the Board of Governors regarding various legislative strategies.

Local Bar Outreach Committee acts as the advisory committee to offer recommendations about how the Association may serve the needs of local bar organizations. The committee is responsible for selecting and honoring attorneys with the Citizen Lawyer Award to recognize and promote the non-legal, public service work of these individuals in communities across the state.

Membership Committee is charged with identifying, recommending and implementing strategies to encourage new and continued membership of qualifying legal professionals in the NCBA. The committee reviews all services offered to NCBA members, hosts member networking and social events, as well as leads efforts for membership recruitment and retention.

Minorities in the Profession Committee is dedicated to the outreach and promotion of an increased presence of minorities in the legal profession.

Privacy & Data Security Committee will focus on the expanding issues of privacy and cybersecurity law that are impacting the public and the legal profession. The committee has also been established to monitor and discuss issues relative to the new specialty certification in Privacy and Information Security Law that has been proposed by the N.C. State Bar and its Board of Legal Specialization.

Pro Bono Activities Committee advises on activities relating to pro bono delivery of legal services and annually selects recipients of NCBA Pro Bono Awards.

Professionalism Committee develops and oversees professionalism initiatives and recommends a recipient for the annual H. Brent McKnight Renaissance Lawyer Award.

Transitioning Lawyers Commission addresses issues involved with winding down a law practice and retiring gracefully.

Women in the Profession Committee is the centralized hub for NCBA members who seek to positively affect issues traditionally associated with women in the legal profession. Through community service, educational projects, and networking events, WIP identifies ways to encourage and maintain the active participation and advancement of women in the legal profession.
2018-19 NORTH CAROLINA BAR FOUNDATION (NCBF) COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

4ALL Statewide Service Day Committee plans and implements the NCBF’s flagship public service program, a phone-a-lawyer event that occurs annually at call centers located across the state.

Development Committee provides volunteer leadership for NCBF fundraising initiatives.

Investment Committee oversees the investments of the North Carolina Bar Association and North Carolina Bar Foundation, including the Endowment, and assures that their respective funds are invested in the proper manner.

Middle School Mock Trial Committee provides direction and support to the MSMT program, an educational team program where middle school students have the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of civil/criminal law and courtroom procedures.

NC LEAP Committee provides direction and oversight to the NC LEAP pro bono program, through which volunteer attorneys provide free legal assistance to low-wealth entrepreneurs on business law and intellectual property matters.