

Nomination Form

Section Representative to the Board of Directors Term 2024-2027

Nominating Procedure

Nomination must include a completed Nomination Form and a resume. Resumes should be limited to two pages and the answers to the nomination questions below should be limited to an additional two pages. Nominations or resumes that exceed these limits will be reduced accordingly.

Nominations must be submitted by email and received no later than Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:00pm CST. Send nominations to: Lyndsay Jackson, LJackson@TexasBar.com.

Elections will be held at the Council of Chairs Meeting on Friday, February 23, 2024, at the Texas Law Center in Austin. Only Section chairs (or the section's designated representative) are qualified to vote in this election and you must be present to cast your ballot. Nominees are encouraged to attend and briefly present their qualifications to the Council of Chairs Committee on Friday, February 23.

Nomination Questions

- 1.) Provide your candidate's first and last name, firm/affiliation and full contact information, including phone number and email address.
 - Toni Nguyen, Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, PowerSchool Group LLC
 - toni.nguyen@powerschool.com; O: 916-513-9473

- 2.) List which section(s) your candidate is a member of.
 - Asian Pacific Interest Section, Member
 - Corporate Counsel Section
 - Business Law Section

- 3.) There is one small section representative and one large section representative position open this year. Select which position your candidate is running for:
 - SMALL Section Representative to the Board of Directors
 - LARGE Section Representative to the Board of Directors

- 4.) Briefly describe your candidate's personal background, character, and contributions to their community.
 - Toni Nguyen is an upstanding member of the community and the Bar, having grown up under humble and challenging circumstances.
 - She is a political refugee, having fled communist Vietnam in a fishing boat as a young child in search of freedom and a better life. After surviving 10 months at a Malaysian refugee camp, she and her family were given asylum in Houston, Texas.
 - She and her family battled all sorts of racism and discrimination. But she rose above it and became the first woman in her family to graduate high school (as valedictorian) and college (with honors). After a year being a reporter in East Texas, she went on to law school, graduating cum laude and Order of the Coif.
 - She is a tireless champion of DEI and participates in various DEI initiatives. She helped to form an AAPI employee resource group at PowerSchool, and embraces diversity in her hiring practices; more than half of her team are women, including 1 minority.
 - She has served the community through her work on the Board of the following: Chord for Life

- (serving the senior community), National Charity League, and Young Men Service League.
- She is passionate about mentoring many attorneys and law students, as well as her co-workers.
- 5.) Describe your candidate's professional achievements and commitment to the legal profession.
- Toni is a dedicated lawyer with multiple accomplishments. There's nothing she rather do than practice law and help her clients solve problems and close deals.
 - She had the privilege of working as a law clerk for the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas.
 - After spending two years as a commercial litigator at Vinson Elkins, she switched to transactional work and later transitioned to in-house counsel, where she was quickly promoted and received multiple recognitions by her employers for her accomplishments.
 - She helped to double Travelocity's intellectual property portfolio and build their patent harvesting program. She negotiated multi-million dollar deals at Belo, Luminex and now PowerSchool.
 - She is a trusted advisor to the executives and senior leaders at PowerSchool. She has received the PowerSchool President's Club Award three years in a row.
 - See her resume for additional awards.
- 6.) Describe your nominee's participation in State Bar projects, including contributions to your Section.
- Toni is an incredibly active member of the State Bar of Texas and strongly believes in giving back to the community and the legal profession. She has been a member of the Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS) since 2000. She served as Chair of APIS from 2001-2002 and contributed to recruiting 100 members for APIS to avoid having the section be sunset/dissolved for having under 100 members. Under her tenure, APIS was able to raise, for the first time, more than \$10,000 in sponsorship funds for the Section's annual conference, where her hard work, in collaboration with the other Council members, helped to attract close to 80 attendees---the highest that the Section has seen up to that point.
 - She continues to serve as an Advisory Council Member for APIS.
 - In 2014, APIS recognized her with the Justice Wellington Chew Award for her outstanding contributions to the AAPI community.
 - Toni also served as on the State Bar Board of Directors from 2010-2013. She served on multiple committees, including the Nominating Committee.
 - She has served on multiple CLE planning committees, including as Co-Course Director of the Advanced In-House CLE Planning Committee from 2016-2019 and remains an active member of the committee thereafter.
 - As current Chair of the Corporate Counsel Section, she helped the Section to surpass 5,000 members, launch a wildly successful free monthly CLE program called Corporate Counsel Power Hour, and raise more than \$70,000 to fund pro bono grants given annually to various Texas organizations providing pro bono legal services. (She helped to raise more than \$45,000 last year.)
- 7.) Provide *your* full contact information including phone number and email address.
- Saba Syed, Saba Syed | Partner | Bell Nunnally
 - ssyed@bellnunnally.com; Tel 214-740-1402; 2323 Ross Avenue, Suite 1900 | Dallas, TX 75201
- 8.) Please acknowledge that you have discussed the duties and purpose of this position with your candidate and verified they are willing to serve in this capacity, if elected.
- I acknowledge.