



2026 Rising Star Fellowship Application

Applications are open for the **2026 New York State Bar Association Trusts and Estates Rising Star Fellowship**. All applications should be sent to the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, **Meaghan T. Feenan**, at mfeenan@harrisbeachmurtha.com and Nicole L. Clouthier at NClouthier@woh.com and be received no later than **Friday, October 31, 2025**. This is a great opportunity for junior attorneys to become an active part of the New York trusts and estates community.

View/Download the application at: [NYSBA.ORG/TERISINGSTAR](https://www.nysba.org/terisingstar). To be eligible for the Fellowship, applicants must have between three (3) and six (6) years of relevant legal experience.

The Fellowship is a one (1) year appointment, and affords Fellows the following opportunities

- Access to Trusts and Estates Law Section Executive Committee meetings during the year of the Fellowship.
- Placement on a committee and an opportunity to attend regular committee meetings.
- Work with a committee chair or vice-chair as a designated mentor to help develop a topic for an article to be published in the TELS journal or speaking topic to be presented on at a TELS continuing education seminar .
- Waived registration fee to the Annual Meeting during the year of the Fellowship and the year following the Fellowship.
- Waived registration fee to the Spring Meeting and Fall Meeting during the year of the Fellowship.
- Reimbursement of certain travel expenses for the Spring Meeting and Fall Meeting during the year of the Fellowship and the Annual Meetings during the year of the Fellowship and the year following the Fellowship.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Firm/Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

NYSBA Member?: Yes No

Trusts and Estates Section Member? Yes No

Member of a Committee of the Trusts and Estates Section? Yes No

If Yes, please indicate which committee _____

Areas of Practice: _____

Year admitted to Practice law, and in what jurisdiction(s): _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To assist in the selection process, we ask that you provide a current resume, which details your work history, bar association work and other activities, and a letter of recommendation from a current or former supervisor. We also request that you answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and provide any essential supporting documentation:

1. Briefly state why you are interested in the Rising Star Fellowship program, and what you hope to get out of the program.
2. Describe the nature of your law practice or professional position, with particular attention to the substantive areas of law in which you are currently involved.
3. Describe your past involvement with the NYSBA or other local or state bars or professional organizations.
4. List the committees within the NYSBA Trusts and Estates Section that you are interested in getting involved with.
5. Describe any support that you receive from your employer or other organization(s) that will help to allow your full participation in this program, and continued involvement in the NYSBA following the conclusion of the program.

Please also provide the names and contact information for 2 professional references:

1. _____
Name Email Phone

2. _____
Name Email Phone