

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY ATTORNEYS (AAARTA)  
NOMINATION AND APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you for judicial interest in nominating a member of the judiciary or nominating yourself to membership in the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys.

Benefits of Judiciary AAARTA membership include the following:

- Ability to interact with honorary, judicial and active practice attorneys qualified in assistive reproductive technology (ARTs) law
- Network via the AAARTA listserv and attendance at conferences
- On-line Membership Directory;
  - locate honorary, judicial and active practice attorneys qualified in assistive reproductive technology (ART) law
- Coordination of legislative and public education efforts
- Coordination of legal research
- Notification via the listserv of recent developments and case decisions
- Support and re-enforcement of ethical practices
- Built in body of ART “advisors” via the listserv benefit and at conferences
- Ability to attend and present at state of the ARTs CLE courses

Mark Demeray, AAAA President, and Judy Sperling-Newton, AAARTA Director, have designated Colleen M. Quinn to receive judiciary member nominations and applications. If you are interested in being a Judiciary AAARTA Fellow or in nominating someone to membership, please complete this application and e-mail it to Colleen M. Quinn at [c.quinn@aarta.org](mailto:c.quinn@aarta.org) or [quinn@lockepartin.com](mailto:quinn@lockepartin.com). In addition to scanning and e-mailing, please also **mail the original signed Part II of the application** to:

Colleen M. Quinn, Esq.  
AAARTA Membership Chair  
Locke Partin DeBoer & Quinn, PLC  
P.O. Box 11708  
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Although this application may seem lengthy, please note that it should only take about ten minutes to complete. Also note that the \$150 application fee is waived for Judiciary (and Honorary) AAARTA applicants.

**PART I.**

(To be completed by the nominator or nominee – self-nomination not only is permitted but encouraged as well!).

1. Name, Title and Contact Information (including address, phone and e-mail) of Person Being Nominated to Judiciary Membership:

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2. Name and Contact Information of Nominator (if different from the person being nominated; please include phone, address and e-mail address):

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3. Name of Court for the Person Being Nominated (include address, phone, e-mail if different than in Number 1 above):

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4. Please state why you think the applicant should be a member and what expertise and/or experience in ART the applicant has (attachments and additional pages are fine):

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**PART II.**

(To be completed by the nominee – although the nominator also is welcome to complete and include as much information as he or she may know about the nominee – which might make less work for the nominee as well; resumes and other attachments may be attached and simply referenced if it is easier)

5. Colleges and Universities attended, degrees/dates:

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6. Honors:

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7. Special honors or distinctions in adoption or assisted reproduction matters or family law issues:

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8. Publications (if any):

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9. Professional/Civic Organizations:

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10. Hobbies/Interests/Volunteer Experience:

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11. State(s) and Date(s) of Bar Admissions):

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12. State Bar Number(s)

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13. Total Years as an attorney before becoming a judge: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Total years as a judge (including years as a substitute judge – please indicate the years separately): \_\_\_\_\_

15. Previous experience prior to becoming a judge:

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16. Nature of practice (prior to becoming a judge; indicate if currently are in private practice in addition to being a judge):

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17. Experience prior to becoming a judge specifically in assisted reproductive technologies, adoption and termination of parental rights issues or related matters:

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18. Nature of the judicial practice, including general composition of cases heard:

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19. Specific percentage of judicial practice and experience as a judge in assisted reproductive technologies, adoption and termination of parental rights issues or related matters:

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20. Have you ever previously applied for membership in the Academy?

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21. Please provide names of all AAARTA and/or AAAA members with whom you know who may be familiar with your work and/or experience in assisted reproductive technology matters:

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22. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, or do you now have any criminal charges pending against you? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each case, by attachment.

23. Have you ever been professionally disciplined, or do you now have pending any matter of professional discipline? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each matter, by attachment.

24. Have you ever been sued for malpractice or professional negligence as a practicing attorney, including counterclaims? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each case including jurisdiction, case number, date, nature

of case, outcome or current status, along with any relevant documents by attachment.

25. Have you ever had a grievance or complaint filed against you since you have been a judge with your state's judicial grievance body? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each case by attachment.

26. Please give us a short statement as to why you want to become a Judiciary AAARTA Fellow of the Academy and/or would accept such membership and/or would feel qualified:

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**REFERENCES**

Please provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of at least one AAARTA and/or AAAA member who is familiar with your work in assisted reproduction technology matters and/or adoption. While not mandatory, you may also provide additional persons, whether AAARTA or AAAA members or not, that can provide information that may be helpful in permitting the Board to evaluate your application for membership. Please note that we will contact your references for input.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of AAARTA or AAAA member)

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS; RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements in this application for membership are true, accurate and complete. I authorize any bar association, court, lawyer disciplinary organization or law enforcement agency to disclose matters pertaining to me to the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys and the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (collectively, AAARTA/AAAA) in connection with its investigation of my application for membership. I hereby release, discharge and exonerate the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys and the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, their officers, directors, members, fellows, agents and representatives, and any and all persons or agencies furnishing information in connection with this application, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the furnishing of such information, whether communicated orally or in writing. I further waive any claims which may arise with respect to such information or its disclosure. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the AAARTA/AAAA from any and all liability arising from or in any way related to its investigation, processing and decision making with regard to any membership application I make, have made, or will make in the future to the AAARTA/AAAA, including this application. I understand and agree that membership in AAARTA/AAAA is by invitation only and that applying for membership does not necessarily mean that the Board of Trustees will extend an invitation to me. I understand and agree that invitations for membership are within the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees, and that its decision is final.

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Date

Signature of Applicant