



## SECOND CHAIR PROGRAM APPLICATION



Thank you for your interest in the Second Chair Program, sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association and the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers! The goal of the Second Chair Program is to help young civil lawyers gain valuable jury trial experience. Young civil lawyers selected to participate in the Second Chair Program will have the opportunity to sit “second chair” with seasoned criminal lawyers in misdemeanor trials.

If selected to participate in the Second Chair Program, your email will be included in a listserv through which second chair opportunities will be distributed as they become available. To be considered for a second chair opportunity, you must respond to such an email that you are available. Opportunities will be filled on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Once you are matched with a second chair opportunity, you will receive the information on where to be and the first chair lawyer with whom you have been paired. From there, you will be responsible for actively engaging in the trial in the manner requested by the first chair attorney. Most trials will be completed within 1 to 2 days, so if you accept an opportunity, you are making a 1-2 day commitment, unless otherwise noted. Your active participation is paramount to your success as well as to the success of the Second Chair Program.

**Applications are due on Monday, January 15, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. and must be returned as ONE PDF to [secondchair@dayl.com](mailto:secondchair@dayl.com).** Please note that your managing partner/supervising attorney must confirm your participation by signing your application.

If selected to participate in the Second Chair Program, you will be notified and your email will be added to the listserv, as outlined above. You will be responsible for staying connected with the listserv and being responsive to emails. **By participating in the Second Chair Program, you are NOT entitled to receive any compensation.**



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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Licensed to Practice Law: \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYL member? (*membership required*) \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the DAYL Second Chair Program? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. RESUME

Attach a one-page resume. In addition to the usual categories of information (education, employment history, etc.), you should **include anything relating to courtroom advocacy before, during, or after law school**. You should also include any bar association, business/professional, law school, or civic activities in which you have participated. List any awards or special recognitions you have received.

## III. STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM MANAGING PARTNER/SUPERVISING ATTORNEY

Your participation in the Second Chair Program requires the full support of your employer. Please obtain the signature of your managing partner/supervising attorney below.

I understand that the lawyer completing this application is committing to the DAYL Second Chair Program and I support him or her doing so. I understand that most trials will be completed within 1 to 2 days, so if the lawyer completing this application accepts a second chair opportunity, I understand that he or she is making a 1-2 day commitment, unless otherwise noted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

#### IV. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I understand that it is my responsibility to monitor email communications from the Second Chair Program and to be responsive to emails from the Second Chair Program.

If I am matched with a first chair lawyer for a second chair opportunity, I agree to participate as directed by the first chair lawyer. I also understand that it is my responsibility to respond timely to any communication from the first chair lawyer.

I understand that if I fail to appear for a trial or otherwise fail to uphold my commitment to the Second Chair Program, I will be subject to immediate removal from the Second Chair Program and may forfeit any opportunity to participate in the Second Chair Program going forward.

I understand that by participating in the Second Chair Program I am NOT entitled to receive any compensation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. AFFIRMATION

I represent that the information provided herein and on the attached pages is true and correct.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email this application as ONE PDF document  
by Monday, January 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to [secondchair@dayl.com](mailto:secondchair@dayl.com).