

National Bar Association Judicial Council Application for Judicial Clerkship Program



Thank you for your interest in the National Bar Association Judicial Council's Judicial Clerkship Program. The mission of the program is to pair African-American Judges across the country with highly qualified racial and/or ethnic minority 2L and 3L law students during the 2023 spring term (from March to May) for a minimum of 15 hours weekly, virtually or in person. The Judicial Council is implementing the clerkship program to provide minority law students an opportunity to learn about courts; witness firsthand how judges do their jobs and make decisions; watch experienced litigators present their cases; and increase the clerk's understanding of the law as applied in different types of cases.

The Judicial Council will award a minimum of ten (10) stipends in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to Judicial Clerkship Program participants. Completion of all portions of the application is required. The Scholarship Committee of the Judicial Council will interview and select the recipients. All decisions of the committee are final.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Candidate must be a 2L or 3L law student at an ABA-accredited law school.
2. Candidate must be a member of a racial and/or ethnic minority that has been underrepresented in the legal profession.
3. Candidate must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 on a grading scale of 4.0, or a 2.75 G.P.A. on a grading scale of 5.0.
4. Candidate must participate in an interview, if invited.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. All portions of the application must be received by the Judicial Council deadline of Friday, February 20, 2023 5:00 PM EDT.
2. The application package must include cover letter, writing sample, resume, and transcript.
3. The completed application shall be submitted by email to: nbajcapps@gmail.com .
4. The subject line of the email shall state "Application for Judicial Clerkship."
5. Applications not received in full by the application deadline will not be considered.

NBA Judicial Council Judicial Clerkship APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

First name Middle name Last name _____

Address _____
Street Address City / State / ZIP

Phone Number () _____ Email Address _____

Law School: _____

Years of Attendance: ____ Graduation Date: _____ G.P.A. _____

Racial/Ethnic Group:

Black/African American Asian Native American Hispanic/Latino

Other: _____

II. COVER LETTER

Please provide a cover letter indicating why you are interested in participating in the judicial clerkship program, why you should be chosen as a judicial law clerk, and clerkship location preference.

III. WRITING SAMPLE

Please provide a legal writing sample preferably not longer than ten pages.

IV. RESUME

Please attach your current resume that includes, at a minimum: employment history; any significant academic or non-academic honors and/or awards that you have received; and significant extracurricular and/or community activities with which you have been involved, including any leadership roles held.

V. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Please attach an official transcript from your law school to the application

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RELEASE

This is to confirm that the undersigned has applied to the Judicial Clerkship Program of the NBA Judicial Council.

By signing below, I represent that the information contained in this Judicial Clerkship application is a full and fair representation of my circumstances as of the date below. I will inform the Scholarship Committee in writing if any substantial change occurs.

Further, as consideration for such an opportunity to participate in the National Bar Association Judicial Council's Judicial Clerkship Program, I hereby grant the Judicial Council the right to use in all media, my name and voice, photograph, biography and excerpts from my application, in connection with the Judicial Council publicity about the program, newsletters, brochures and other materials.

If the foregoing terms are satisfactory, please sign and date this agreement below and return it with your application. Execution of this agreement does not obligate the Judicial Council to select you as a scholarship recipient, nor to publish your information or other materials.

I hereby consent to the use of information about myself and my application, as stated above and described herein and agree with the provisions of this release form

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (typed): _____

Permanent address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

For more information email: nbajcapps@gmail.com.