



**2017**

**COMMERCIAL AND FEDERAL LITIGATION SECTION**  
**DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP**

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the 2017 Commercial and Federal Litigation Section Diversity Fellowship which has been established by The Foundation through a gift from the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association. The Fellowship will be awarded to a current first year (1L) diversity law student who is enrolled in a law school in the State of New York to work in a litigation position in the public sector in the State of New York during the summer of 2017.

**Diversity Fellowship Program Goals**

To increase the representation of lawyers and students from a diverse range of backgrounds in commercial litigation, and to provide students from a diverse range of backgrounds with an opportunity to experience litigation practice. The ultimate goal of the Fellowship is to create a network and forge relationships which will foster greater diversity among commercial and federal litigators throughout the State of New York. Through the Fellowship, a student will be provided a meaningful and appropriately supervised work experience in the Chambers of Justice (TBD), of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court of New York, New York County, 60 Centre Street, New York, NY.

**The Fellowship**

The Fellowship, valued at \$6,000, will be awarded to one (1) student to spend the summer of 2017 (10 weeks) working on Commercial Division matters in the Chambers of Justice (TBD), of the of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court of New York, New York County, 60 Centre Street, New York, NY.

1. The Fellow will be a guest member of the NYSBA Commercial and Federal Litigation Section for one year starting with the award of the Fellowship.
2. The Fellowship will be awarded during the month of March 2017 and the official presentation will occur on or about April 1, 2017.

**Eligibility**

The Fellowship is open to all first-year (1L) diversity students as of Fall 2016 semester that are enrolled in a law school in the State of New York and who are capable of fulfilling the requested work hours and responsibilities. The student must

be a member of one of the following racial/ethnic groups: Black/African American; Latino/a; Native American or Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander.

### **Fellowship Length**

The Fellowship will take place during the summer of 2017 for a period of ten weeks from **June 2017 to August 2017**. The work requirement per week is 35 hours at the minimum but should not exceed 40 hours.

### **Location of Fellowship**

The 2017 Fellowship will take place in the Commercial Division, in the Chambers of the of Justice (TBD). Fellowship finalists will be interviewed in New York City.

### **Payment of Fellowship**

The student will receive \$3,000 at the start of the Fellowship with the remaining \$3,000 paid to the student at the end of the Fellowship (no federal or state income taxes will be withheld and a 1099 will be issued to the student by January 31, 2017).

### **Housing and Other Expense**

Housing, transportation and all other expenses to participate in the Fellowship will be provided by the student.

### **Fellowship Application Requirements**

#### **The applicant must submit the following:**

1. A completed application (application form below)
2. Cover letter of interest
3. Unofficial undergraduate school transcript
4. Resume
5. Two letters of recommendation
6. One writing sample on any topic related to the law. The writing sample must be at least five pages but shall not exceed 10 typed pages double spaced.

### **Fellowship Requirement**

At the conclusion of the Fellowship, the recipient will be required to produce a summary evaluation report that may be produced as an article in the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section Newsletter and/or the Foundation's Newsletter.

### **Deadline**

All hard copy material submissions must be postmarked on or before **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** or you may e-mail the materials to [mocclair@tnybf.org](mailto:mocclair@tnybf.org) no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**.

### **Format**

If submitting application materials by e-mail, the attachment file will be accepted in Microsoft Word and/or PDF format.

## **Judging**

Criteria for judging applications will be:

1. Content and quality of application materials
2. Demonstrated interest in litigation
3. Work experience
4. Academic record
5. Leadership experience
6. Extracurricular activities and community service
7. Quality of written expression
8. Maturity, integrity and professionalism
9. Any other relevant factors

## **Submission**

All materials must be submitted by mail with a postmark on or before **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** OR by e-mail no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**.

### **Mail to:**

THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION  
ONE ELK STREET  
ALBANY, NY 12207

**E-mail submissions should be sent to [mocclair@tnybf.org](mailto:mocclair@tnybf.org)**

*About the* **COMMERCIAL AND FEDERAL LITIGATION SECTION  
of the NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

The Purpose of the Section is to improve the quality of representation of clients, provide a forum for the improvement of law and procedure in the areas of commercial and federal litigation, and enhance the administration of justice.

The Section serves its mission by:

Developing relationships and sharing practice experiences with fellow commercial and federal litigators, with state and federal judges, and with regulatory and administrative bodies;

Establishing committees for the purpose of promoting research and discussion on current issues affecting our practice;

Influencing and proposing legislation affecting our practice;

Developing continuing legal education programs on topics relevant to our practice; and

Providing networking opportunities for its members.

*About* **THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding educational, direct legal services, and charitable projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession. The Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding for the following purposes:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

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**Diversity Fellowship**

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**APPLICATION FORM**

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

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different)

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Day student

Evening student

Year of Law School Study as of December 1, 2016: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate diversity status below:**

Black/African American

Latino/a -- person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American origin

Native American or Alaskan native -- person having origins in any of the original peoples of America

Asian or Pacific Islander -- person having origins in any of the Far East Countries, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands

**Prior Education**

College Name	Address	Major	Dates Attended	Degree

**Attach the following materials to this application:**

1. A cover letter which indicates your interest in the practice of litigation and the receipt of this Fellowship.
2. An undergraduate transcript. (Transcripts need not be official; finalists may be asked to provide official transcripts.)
3. A resume describing your prior employment and other relevant activities and qualifications.
4. Two letters of recommendation. (These may be the same as used for law school applications.)
5. One writing sample on any topic related to the law. (Must be at least five but shall not exceed 10 double-spaced typewritten pages.)

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**Certification**

**I hereby certify that all of the statements contained and information provided in this application, and in the attachments hereto, are truthful, to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2017 Commercial and Federal Litigation Section Diversity Fellowship.**

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Where did you hear of TNYBF Scholarship Opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_