

# GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION



## Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Application

Established in 1948, the **Gate City Bar Association** is the oldest African American Bar Association in the State of Georgia. The Gate City Bar Association was organized by ten African American lawyers to provide the educational, social, and community involvement of a professional association for African American lawyers who had been excluded from participating in the segregated bar associations in Atlanta and throughout the State. The mission of the Gate City Bar Association is to create in the community a practical appreciation for the legal profession; to encourage persons of outstanding promise to attend first rate law schools and return to the communities that need their services most; to oppose arbitrary and capricious laws in our state with all the force and fiber of which we are capable as an organization; to uphold and extend the principles of justice in every phase of American life to the end that no one shall be discriminated against because of color, race, religious beliefs, or national origin.

**Gate City Bar Association's  
Justice Robert Benham Law Camp  
Hosted by the Georgia State University College of Law**

The **Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp** is a three-week summer program designed to expose minority high school students in the Atlanta area to the field of law. During the first two weeks of classroom sessions, students will be provided instruction on the basics of critical thinking and exposure to minority lawyers and judges in various areas of law. Students will also be given an opportunity to tour various legal institutions such as the state and superior courts and the Georgia Supreme Court and Georgia Court of Appeals.

During the internship phase, the third and final week of the program, students will be given an opportunity to work in legal environments throughout metro-Atlanta with various firms, judicial entities, and corporations.

Selected candidates have no fees or expenses associated with the Law Camp. However, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for transporting students to and from the law camp and internships each day. Commuting expenses will not be reimbursed.

Georgia State University's College of Law in conjunction with Clark Atlanta University's Educational Talent Search Program partner with the Gate City Bar Association and provide support to this unique summer opportunity.

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Students interested in pursuing law as a career and **committed** to actively participating in the camp's three-week program are encouraged to apply. Further eligibility requirements:

- Students *must* be rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Enrolled in and attend high school in the state of Georgia.
- Perform homework assigned during the Law Camp learning sessions.
- Must be responsible, independent, and mature persons who can be relied upon to attend all Law Camp functions and events, in addition to the Law Camp's daily activities.
- Students must be *PUNCTUAL*.
- Students are expected to attend each day. Only students who are able to fully commit to the law camp dates should apply

***\*\*\*Absences may result in early release from the program\*\*\****

## LOCATION

The two-week class instruction portion of the 2017 Law Camp will be held *June 5 to June 16, 2017* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on week days, and will be held at Georgia State University's College of Law located in downtown Atlanta at, 85 Park Place, N.E. , Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

The internship phase of the summer program consists of one week and will be held *June 19 to June 23, 2017* from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on week days. Students will be placed with various firms, judicial entities, and corporations throughout metro-Atlanta.

***\*\*\*Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for transportation\*\*\****

## DRESS CODE

Business casual attire during the two weeks of class instruction is expected. Students will be notified in advance of the appropriate attire during the internship phase.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates for the Law Camp will be selected through a two-tier process, including review of an application and associated documentation, as well as a rigorous interview. During the interview, the Selection Committee will explore the applicant's background, commitment to and interest in pursuing law as a career, academic performance, community involvement, and other activities and interests.

Interviews will be in person at the offices of King & Spalding in Atlanta, with no exceptions. Telephone or internet interviews of any kind will *not* be permitted. Business attire is required.

We wish we had a spot for everyone. Unfortunately, however, spots are limited. If you are not selected this year, we welcome you to apply next year.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Applicants selected for the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp must attend **all** Law Camp activities and events indicated below. Law Camp interviews, Kick-Off and Closing Receptions will be held at the offices of King & Spalding LLP, located at 1180 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3521.

*All dates are MANDATORY. Students are expected to attend each day.*

*Only students who are able to fully commit to the law camp dates should apply.*

### **2017 Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Critical Dates**

Application Deadline	Monday, May 8, 2017
Interview Notification	Friday, May 12, 2017
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, May 20, 2017
Selection Notifications	Friday, May 26, 2017
Kick-Off Reception	Friday, June 2, 2017
Law Camp	June 5-16, 2017
Law Camp Internships	June 19-June 23, 2017
Closing Awards Reception	Monday, June 26, 2017

## **REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS**

*Application Deadline: May 8, 2017, 5:00 p.m.*

1. Completed Law Camp application (*legibly written or typed*). Incomplete application packages will not be reviewed for selection.
2. Official high school transcript with seal.
3. Letter of good standing, usually from the school's guidance counselor, stating that the student has no academic or behavioral issues and is matriculating toward graduation.
4. Two letters of recommendations (school and community). Each letter must identify their relationship to the applicant, how long he or she has known the applicant, and in what capacity. The letters may be attached to the application, or the author may send the letters directly to:

**Justice Robert Benham Law Camp  
c/o Harold E. Franklin, Jr.  
King & Spalding  
1180 Peachtree St. N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30309**

***\*\*\*Late, incomplete or applications received after May 8, 2017 will not be considered\*\*\****

5. Applications and associated materials may also be submitted electronically to:  
[gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com](mailto:gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com) or  
faxed to Harold Franklin, Jr. at (404) 572-5137
6. Although you may submit your application and associated materials electronically (via e-mail or facsimile), you must bring the originals with you to your interview, if an interview is granted.

### **CONTACT**

Questions may be emailed to: [gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com](mailto:gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com) or  
a message can be left at (404) 572-5085.



**2017 APPLICATION  
GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION  
JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM LAW CAMP**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This will serve as the primary method of communicating all program details to you. It should be an email address checked regularly.)*
5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_
7. Address of High School \_\_\_\_\_
8. Grade Level as of September 2017: \_\_\_\_\_
9. G.P.A. as of application date: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Parents' Names, Addresses and Telephone Contacts:  
Mother (if different from above):  
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Father (if different from above):  
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11. Have you previously applied to the Justice Benham Law Camp? If so, what years(s)? \_\_\_\_\_. If selected, what year did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Do you have any conflicts (actual or potential) for the period June 2 – June 26? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain in detail (including potential conflicts): \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Are you under consideration or considering yourself any type of study abroad, other summer program or early orientation that will conflict with the 2017 Law Camp dates and times? (June 6 – June 26, 2017)?

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14. List leadership roles which you have undertaken or have been selected for in your community or school:

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15. List honors or awards that you have received in high school (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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16. Extracurricular/Community/Volunteer Activities (School, Religious, Civic, Social Organizations, etc.): (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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17. Work Experience, if any. Include date, position and responsibilities:

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18. Please tell us anything else you would like us to consider.

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19. How did you hear about the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp?

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21. I hereby certify that all the information provided herein is accurate, current, and true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I do hereby give the Gate City Bar Association, its members, representatives, and assigns my permission to investigate any of the facts contained herein.

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Signature

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Date

Completed applications must be postmarked by *May 8, 2017* and mailed to:

**King & Spalding**  
**Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp**  
**Attention: Harold E. Franklin, Jr., Chair**  
**1180 Peachtree St. N.E.**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30309**  
**(404) 572-5085 (voicemail)**