

GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION



Justice Robert Benham Law Camp

Application

2020

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 partners 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 enrolled in the 9th - 12th grades for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Enrolled in 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 can fully commit to the law camp dates should apply.
- If accepted into the Law Camp summer program, students must fully and exclusively commit to attend all sessions of the Law Camp held between May 29 – June 22. Foregoing any part of the Law Camp program to attend another program or attempting to split time between the Law Camp and another program is not permitted and will result in the disqualification of the student and removal from the Law Camp. As there are more applicants than slots available, those ultimately selected must fully commit to the program as tremendous resources are being invested in the students selected.
- Please note that if you have participated in the Law Camp in the past, you are not eligible to participate again.

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

LOCATION

The two-week class instruction portion of the 2020 Law Camp will be held **June 1 to June 12, 2020** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, 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 15 to June 19, 2020** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. 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 held 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 encourage all eligible and interested students to apply. 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 interview, as well as the 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 can fully commit to the Law Camp dates should apply.

2020 Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Critical Dates	
Application Deadline	Friday, May 1, 2020
Interview Notification	Wednesday, May 6, 2019
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, May 16, 2020
Selection Notifications	Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Kick-Off Reception	Friday, May 29, 2020
Law Camp	June 1-12, 2020
Law Camp Internships	June 15-June 19, 2020
Closing Awards Reception	Monday, June 22, 2020

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REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

Application Deadline: May 1, 2020, 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). The author of each recommendation letter must identify his or her relationship to the applicant, how long he or she has known the applicant, and in what capacity he or she has known the applicant. The recommendation 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 or incomplete applications will not be considered******

5. Applications and associated materials (other than the official high school transcript, which must be sent in hardcopy with school seal) may also be submitted electronically to:

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 to your interview, if an interview is granted. You may also bring your official high school transcript with school seal with you to your interview, if you are unable to submit your transcript before the May 1, 2020 application deadline.

CONTACT

Questions may be emailed to: gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com



2020 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 2020: _____

9. G.P.A. as of application date: _____

10. Parents' Names, Addresses and Telephone Contacts:

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Address and Telephone Contacts:

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Home Telephone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Address and Telephone Contacts:

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

City, State, and Zip Code (if different from above): _____

Home Telephone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

11. Have you previously applied to the Justice Benham Law Camp? If so, what year(s)? _____. If selected, what year did you attend? _____.
(Please note that if you attended the Law Camp in the past, you are not eligible to attend again.)

12. Do you have any conflicts (actual or potential) for the period May 29 – June 22? _____
If so, please explain in detail (including potential conflicts): _____

13. Are you under consideration or considering yourself any type of study abroad, other summer programs or early orientation that will conflict with the 2020 Law Camp dates and times? (May 29 – June 22, 2020)?

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

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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

17. Work Experience, if any. Include employer's name, date, position and responsibilities:

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

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

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.

Signature

Date

Completed **applications** must be postmarked by **May 1, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.** Applications will be accepted via U.S. Mail, e-mail or fax.

Mailing:

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

E-mail:

gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com

Facsimile:

(404) 572-5137 Attn: Harold E. Franklin, Jr.

*Supporting materials **only** may also be submitted electronically by **May 15, 2020.***

GOOD LUCK!