

GATE CITY FOUNDATION, INC.



20th Annual Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Application 2026

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Mission Statement

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.



The Gate City Foundation, Inc.'s Justice Robert Benham Law Camp will be held in person.

The camp is a three-week summer program designed to expose talented high-school students from 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 leading lawyers and judges in various areas of law. Students will also be given an opportunity to participate in a Mock Trial presentation, and 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 Foundation 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 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Enrolled in high school in the state of Georgia.
- If you have participated in the Law Camp in the past, you are not eligible to participate again.
- If accepted into the Law Camp summer program, students must fully and exclusively commit to attend all events and learning sessions of the Law Camp held during **June 1 - June 18**, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- Foregoing any part of the 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.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Must be responsible, independent, and mature persons who can be relied upon to attend all Law Camp functions and events.
- Attend all law camp learning sessions.
- Be *PUNCTUAL* at all special events and law camp learning sessions.
- Perform minimal homework assigned during the law camp learning sessions.

Only students who can fully commit to the law camp dates should apply.

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

LOCATIONS

Law Camp interviews, 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.

The two-week class instruction portion of the 2026 Law Camp will be held **June 2 to June 12, 2026**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during weekdays, 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 15 to June 18, 2026**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during 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, however please plan for business attire.

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 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 events and learning sessions as indicated below.

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

Only students who can fully commit to the Law Camp dates should apply.

2026 Gate City Foundation, Inc.'s Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Critical Dates

Application Deadline	Friday, May 1, 2026
Interview Notification	Monday, May 11, 2026
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, May 16, 2026
Selection Notifications	Saturday, May 23, 2026
Kick-Off Reception	Monday, June 1, 2026
Law Camp	June 2-12, 2026
Mock Trial Presentations	Friday, June 12, 2026
Law Camp Internships	June 15-June 18, 2026
Closing Awards Reception	Thursday, June 18, 2026

REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

Application Deadline: May 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

1. Completed Law Camp application.
2. Completed essay.
3. Submit high school transcript (unofficial accepted)
4. Submit application, essay and transcript electronically to:
gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com
5. 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: Rhea Rajkumar at gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com



**2026 APPLICATION
GATE CITY FOUNDATION, INC.
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 2026: _____
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 June 1 – June 18? _____
If so, please explain in detail (including potential conflicts): _____

13. Are you under consideration or considering yourself any type of study abroad, other summer program or early orientation that will conflict with the 2026 Law Camp dates and times? (June 1 – June 18)

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 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 Foundation, its members, representatives, and assigns my permission to investigate any of the facts contained herein.

Signature

Date

Completed application and all materials must be postmarked by ***May 1, 2026***
and submitted to
gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com

GOOD LUCK!