

2022 Diversity Summer Fellowship Program Information and Instructions

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) is pleased to announce its **2022 Diversity Summer Law Fellowship**. The goal of our program is to provide students from historically underrepresented backgrounds* with opportunities to work with leading criminal defense practitioners around the country. The Fellowships will allow selected students a substantive opportunity to learn, grow, and witness firsthand what true advocacy looks like.

Details about the program:

Eligible applicants: 1Ls and 2Ls from historically underrepresented backgrounds, in good academic standing, and enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school.

Background and dedication: Demonstrated commitment to criminal justice – e.g. coursework, extracurricular activities, pre-law school organizational involvement.

Award: 5 Fellows will be selected. Each will receive **\$500.00/week** for **up to 8 weeks** of work.

Placement: There are 2 options for student placement

(1) Students who have already secured summer internships with a criminal defense attorney, firm, or defender agency, may receive fellowship funds to support their work with this employer. Employers for selected students will be required to provide information to NACDL regarding the nature of the student's responsibilities and opportunities to ensure the students will be engaged in substantive and meaningful criminal defense work.

(2) Students may apply and seek placement at an identified NACDL host office or agency. These opportunities are located through the country and include solo practitioners, small and mid-sized firms, and public defender agencies. The list of employers is regularly updated and selected applicants will be able to choose up to 3 sites and rank their location preferences.

Application: Interested students must provide the following

- Completed Diversity Summer Fellowship application
- Resume (not to exceed 2 pages)
- Completed Fellowship Writing Assignment (2 page maximum)

Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted by **March 4, 2022 at 11:59pm.**

Submission Method: Applications may be completed online (preferred) or by emailing one PDF that includes a completed application, resume, and writing assignment to summerfellowship@nacdl.org.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at summerfellowship@nacdl.org. We also encourage you to visit the NACDL website (<https://nacdl.org/Landing/Diversity-Task-Force-Fellowships>) to learn more.

*Note: NACDL defines “historically underrepresented backgrounds” based on the National Association of Law Placement’s *2017 Report on Diversity in U.S. Law Firms*. NACDL further acknowledges that “historically underrepresented backgrounds” may not fall along traditionally recognized lines, and therefore invites all applicants to explain why they may feel they belong to an underrepresented group in the legal industry.

This document is a fillable form. Please download the file, open with Adobe, and type your answers into the form fields. Then choose File → Save As and save with a new file name to save the form with your answers included. Submit via email to summerfellowship@nacdl.org.

NACDL 2022 Diversity Summer Fellowship Application

Name: _____ Law School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone number: _____

How did you learn about the NACDL Criminal Defense Diversity Fellowship Program?

School Facebook NACDL website Linkedin.com (Other): _____

1. Please state relevant coursework you have completed or will have completed by June 2021.

2. Please provide a brief description of why you are interested in this fellowship program.

NACDL Diversity Summer Fellowship Writing Assignment

During your Fellowship, you are working with a criminal defense attorney who represents Jaime Jones. As a Fellow, you are tasked to respond to the following fact pattern:

According to the police report, on October 1, 2020 at 18:45, Officers Adams and Brown were on routine patrol in an unmarked car. While heading west on Grand Street, Officer Adams observed Jaime Jones and another individual sitting on the front porch of a private residence. Officer Adams recognized the other individual as someone he had previously arrested for possession of heroin. The prior arrest occurred in the same general vicinity. The officers parked their car in front of the residence. The residence is surrounded by a waist-high chainlink fence. The officers enter the yard and approached Jones and the other individual. Officer Adams orders both men to stand up and put their hands on their head. When the men stand up, Officer Adams exclaims, "Well, well, well, what do we have here?" and points to a bag of with a white powdery substance located in the corner of the porch. The officers handcuff Jones and the other man, and Officer Adams secures the baggie. A search of Jones' person revealed \$500 cash. After being advised of his Miranda Rights, Jones indicated "Adams, you know I know my rights. We've been through this before. I want my lawyer." A subsequent laboratory analysis of the substance was positive for heroin. Jones is charged with possession of heroin, a felony.

Draft a two-page memorandum, which addresses the following tasks:

- 1) Create an action plan with recommendations for potential witnesses to be interviewed, locations to be examined, records to be gathered, and field investigation to be conducted. Include a brief description of the type of information to be sought from each potential witness/location/avenue of investigation;
- 2) List five key questions about the facts that you would prepare to ask Mr. Jones that would help build your defense and describe why those questions are important; and
- 3) Identify areas for legal research and potential legal challenges to be made against the drug charge against Mr. Jones.