



## THE CARIBBEAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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### 2016- 2017 JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

The Caribbean Bar Association (the “CBA”) will award up to three (3) Judicial and Legal Services summer internship placements to first and second year law students during the summer of 2017. Each award recipient will receive a stipend in the amount of \$3,000.00 and will participate in either an 8-week Judicial Internship with a judge presiding in a South Florida court or an 8-week Legal Services Internship with Legal Services of Greater Miami.

#### Requirements

**Application:** To be considered, please complete and submit this application to Michelle T. Bell, Esq. at [mbell@mtbellpa.com](mailto:mbell@mtbellpa.com) by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017**. The CBA Scholarship Committee will select a pool of applicants for a round of brief interviews and notify the award recipients shortly thereafter. **No applications will be accepted after the deadline.**

**Academic Achievement:** Each candidate must demonstrate strong academic credentials. Please submit a law school transcript for all law school course work completed (does not need to be an official transcript).

**Community Involvement:** Each candidate must also demonstrate interest in issues affecting the Caribbean-American or South Florida community.

#### Overview of Internship Opportunities

- Judicial Internship, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.** Assist a Judge and judicial staff in managing cases on the court’s docket. Depending on the Judge to which the intern is assigned, he or she may be involved in criminal, civil, family or probate proceedings. An intern’s duties may include:
  - attending and observing judicial proceedings;
  - reviewing documents filed by counsel;
  - researching legal issues; and
  - drafting bench memos and orders for review by the Judge.
- Legal Services of Greater Miami Law Clerk.** Assist Legal Services of Greater Miami attorneys and clients in state and federal court, in administrative proceedings, and in appellate courts. A law clerk’s duties may include any combination of the following:
  - interviewing clients in person and by telephone;
  - conducting factual investigations including visiting apartments and taking photographs;
  - performing legal research and writing legal memoranda;
  - drafting pleadings and discovery motions;
  - reviewing documents;
  - preparing for and observing administrative and court hearings;
  - participating in after-hours legal clinics; and
  - participating in after-hours community education events.



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### APPLICATION FORM

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year: \_\_\_\_\_1L \_\_\_\_\_2L GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Internship Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Internship \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Services Internship \_\_\_\_\_ No preference

Other information that you feel might assist those reviewing this application:

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**Essay Question:** Please answer – in 1,000 words or less – the following essay question:

On December 17, 2014, President Barack Obama announced a major policy shift to begin normalizing diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba. Since this historic announcement, both countries have reopened their respective embassies, travel and trade restrictions have eased, limits on remittances to Cuba have been raised, and there is a general increase in the flow of information between the United States and Cuba. Nevertheless, the Obama Administration takes the position that it cannot eliminate the broader trade embargo on Cuba without congressional action and the “Wet-Foot, Dry-Foot” policy of immigration for Cuban refugees remains in effect. During his campaign and since his election, President-Elect Donald Trump has threatened to roll back the Obama Administration’s efforts to normalize U.S.-Cuba relations unless Cuba meets certain demands such as granting religious and political freedoms for Cubans. Therefore, notwithstanding the symbolic end of the Fidel Castro era, which was marked by his recent death, the fate of future U.S.-Cuba relations remains uncertain.

Please identify the most influential Presidential Executive Orders in shaping U.S.-Cuba relations thus far and why. Further, given the historical uses by U.S. Presidents of presidential executive orders directed at diplomatic relations with Cuba, discuss how President-Elect Donald Trump could use presidential executive orders to frame and define his administration’s foreign policy between the United States and Cuba.