



THE CARIBBEAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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2023 - 2024

SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

The Caribbean Bar Association (the “CBA”) will award up to three (3) Judicial and Legal Services summer internship placements. Each award recipient will participate in either: (1) an 8-week Judicial Internship with a judge presiding in a South Florida court with a \$3,000.00 stipend or (2) an 8-week Legal Services Internship with Legal Services of Greater Miami with a \$3,000.00 stipend.

Requirements

Application: Please submit **(1) this completed application, (2) cover letter, (3) resume, (4) law school transcript for all law school coursework completed (does not need to be an official transcript), and (5) essay response**, by email to caribbeanbarassociation@gmail.com on or before **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024**. The CBA Scholarship Committee will select a pool of candidates for a round of brief interviews and will notify the award recipients shortly thereafter. **No applications will be accepted after the deadline.**

Each candidate must demonstrate strong academic credentials, legal research and writing skills, and an interest in issues affecting the Caribbean-American or South Florida community.

Overview of Internship Opportunities

Students awarded a CBA scholarship will receive an internship placement at the sites listed below only; **the scholarship award may not be applied to a different internship:**

- Judicial Internship, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.** Assist a Judge and judicial staff in managing cases on the court’s docket. Depending on each Judge’s assigned court division, the Judge may preside over 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

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

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

Florida is one of five states that passed legislation restricting Diversification, Equity and Inclusions (DEI) under House Bill 999/ Senate Bill 266 (the “Bill”). The Bill states in relevant part that state colleges “may not expend any state or federal funds to support, promote or maintain any programs or campus activities that . . . [a]dvocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, or promote or engage in political or social activism.”

It directs universities to periodically review academic programs to ensure alignment with the university's mission and issues a "directive" to universities concerning course materials that include "theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were created to maintain social, political, and economic inequities.”

What are some of the potential constitutional challenges to Senate bill 266 as it relates to the Equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and the First Amendment. Things to consider include whether Bill 266 violates any protected class or groups under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; whether the fact

that under Bill 266 public school students will not have access to certain programs on DEI, while private school students will, and is this a violation of the equal protection clause as it pertains to right to education in the state. You may also consider the implication on the First Amendment and academic freedom protect the right of faculty members to discuss pedagogically relevant material and viewpoints in their courses.