



## Access to Justice Internship Program (ATJIP) - Summer 2012 Application

Program website: [www.texasatj.org/internship/](http://www.texasatj.org/internship/)

Fifteen students will be selected to participate in this program. Applications must be submitted to the Texas Access to Justice Commission, by 5pm, Friday, March 2, 2012. **Send completed application by mail: P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711; fax: 512.427.4160; or email: [atjmail@texasbar.com](mailto:atjmail@texasbar.com).** Selected students will be announced by Friday, March 9, 2012.

### A. General Applicant Information

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Are you bilingual?: \_\_\_\_\_ If so, in what other language are you fluent? \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Email Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*You must provide a current email address in order to receive updates and information from the Commission about your application submission. If your email address or other contact information changes, you must contact the Commission immediately with the updated information.

### B. Applicant's Law School Information

What law school do you attend?: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current law school GPA?: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your expected date of law school graduation?: \_\_\_\_\_

How many semesters of law school will you have completed as of December 31, 2011? \_\_\_\_\_

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What law school clinic(s) have you completed or do you expect to complete prior to Summer 2012?

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### C. Applicant's Personal Statements

What are your reasons for applying for the Access to Justice Internship Program?

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Please describe your work experiences working (paid or volunteer work) with the low-income community. You should include brief examples that clearly demonstrate your previous contact with community and/or public service work.

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What skills, experiences, talents, commitments, and/or interests do you have that would support your selection to the ATJIP?

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If you are selected, what would you like to accomplish through the ATJIP?

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What are your employment goals after law school?

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### **D. Legal Aid Program Placement Location Selection**

Please see the list of available legal services program offices included on the Commission's website. It will be your responsibility to contact the legal services program and secure an internship position with the program.

You must attach the affidavit signed by the supervising attorney associated with the legal services program, which acknowledges a mutual agreement of your working as an intern for the 10-week time period (Section G of this application).

Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### **E. Applicant's Supporting Documentation**

Please attach a copy of your current résumé.

Please attach statement of Supervising Attorney.

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### **F. Acceptance of ATJIP if Selected**

By my initials and signature below, I certify that the information included in this application is true and correct and that I have completed this application to the best of my abilities. Further, by my initials and signature below, I agree to and understand the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ **If I am selected and participate in the Commission's ATJIP, I will be working full-time for a period of 10-weeks during the summer at a legal services program in Texas.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand that prior to being selected as an intern with the ATJIP and assigned to work at a legal services program, I must secure a proposed placement with an approved program.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **If I am selected and accepted by the program, I understand that I will be a temporary, full-time employee of the program where I am assigned. I understand that I will be subject to that program's personnel and human resources policies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **If I am selected and accepted as a participant in the ATJIP, I understand and agree that I have made a personal and professional commitment to participate and will not withdraw from the program without the express written permission of the Texas Access to Justice Commission.**

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**Signature**

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### G. Statement of Supervising Attorney

Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Attorney Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By my initials and signature below, I agree to and understand the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will ensure that the law student will receive an orientation about the mission of the office, workplace policies and procedures, resources available, and confidentiality of client information, documents and files. I will provide training materials or a list of suggested readings to him/her.

\_\_\_\_\_ The law student will be assigned to do significant legal work. I agree to assign tasks based on his/her needs, keeping in mind that some projects and/or opportunities for observation are more suited to student objectives than others. I will plan challenging, varied assignments, including substantive legal research and writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the law student. If he/she receives work from several people, I will be aware of all assignments and resolve any conflicts that arise. He/she may occasionally work with non-lawyer professionals, but I understand that the law student's work must be primarily legal in nature. I will meet regularly with him/her to discuss cases, proceedings, clients, professional responsibility issues, and activities observed, knowing such interactions will help him/her develop insight into the role of lawyers.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will complete a brief survey at the end of the internship to evaluate the ATJIP as it relates to the law student's experience.

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Signature