



American Bar Association
Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

2008 DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW **California Application**

The American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources is pleased to announce the sponsorship of several Fellowships in Environmental Law for disadvantaged law students during the summer of 2008. In California, there is financial support and co-sponsorship from both the State Bar of California's Environmental Law Section, and The William & Flora Hewlett Foundation. The ABA *Diversity Fellowships in Environmental Law* program is designed to encourage disadvantaged and traditionally underrepresented law students to study and pursue careers in environmental law. The program is open to first and second year law students and third year night students only.

The Fellowship:

- \$5,000 summer stipend (8-10 week internship) for work on legal matters for a government agency or public interest organization working in the fields of environmental, energy or resources law;
- Participation in meetings of the American Bar Association's relevant committees;
- Assignment of a mentor from the American Bar Association

Eligibility:

- First or second year law students (and third year night students).
- Members of economically or socially disadvantaged or other underrepresented groups, including, among others, age, ability/disability, sexual orientation, cultural, linguistic, or geographic backgrounds.

Fellowship Criteria:

- Interest in environmental issues;
- Academic record (undergraduate and law school);
- Outstanding personal qualities and leadership abilities;

Application Requirements:

- A completed application form;
- A resume;
- An undergraduate transcript;
- A law school transcript (except for first year law students);
- A two-page essay describing applicant's interest in environmental issues and reasons for wanting to participate in the Fellowship;
- Two (2) letters of recommendation

The Application and Attachments: Please provide detailed answers to the application questions and required attachments. The ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources will maintain all information received from applicants in confidence but will share the information with the cosponsoring state entity and prospective employers.

Selection Criteria: ABA fellowships will be awarded primarily upon the applicant's essay, transcript, resume and application. Members of the selection committee will personally interview the most competitive candidates, to determine who will ultimately be selected to participate in the *Fellowship*.

Instructions: Please return completed applications along with the required documents to ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, c/o Dana Jonusaitis, Section Director, 321 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60610. Applications should be either typed or handwritten in block letters. Completed applications and all related documents must be postmarked by or emailed no later than April 11, 2008. Successful applicants shall be contacted within several weeks after the application deadline.

Deadline: Completed applications and related documents must be postmarked by **April 11, 2008**.

For More Information Contact: Dana Jonusaitis, ABA Section Environment, Energy, and Resources, 321 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60610, Phone: (312) 988-5602, Fax: (312) 988-5572, jonusaid@staff.abanet.org



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Personal Information:

Name _____

School Mailing Address (address, city, state, zip) _____

Permanent/Home Address (address, city, state, zip) _____

Email Address _____

Telephone Numbers:

Cell _____ Home: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Academic Background:

Submit The Following Attachments With Your Application:

- A. Current law school transcript (does not apply to first year students)
- B. Letter from your law school verifying your current academic status
- C. Current resume or curriculum vitae
- D. Two letters of recommendation (please include them when you submit your application)
- E. Undergraduate transcript (include only the transcript of your graduating school if you attended more than one)

Institutions Attended:

Law School(s)					
Name of School		G.P.A.		Month/Year Attended	
Undergraduate/Graduate School(s)					
Name of School		G.P.A.		Month/Year Attended	

Honors and Awards (Undergraduate and Graduate School):

Community Involvement and Community Service Activities:

Describe in detail. Please use additional pages if necessary.

Personal Statement:

Please provide a typewritten, double-spaced personal statement that does not exceed two pages describing applicant's interest in environmental issues and reasons for wanting to participate in the Fellowship including how the applicant would add diversity to the environmental bar. (1-inch margins with font size not to exceed 12 point).

Please return by April 11, 2008 to:
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