

## **2021 Diversity Summer Fellowship Program Information and Instructions**

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) is pleased to announce its **2021 Diversity Summer Law Fellowship**. The goal of our program is to pair law students from historically underrepresented backgrounds\* with top criminal defense practitioners around the country. These attorneys have agreed to provide each Fellow with 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.

*Educational background:* Demonstrated commitment to criminal justice – e.g. coursework, extracurricular activities, pre-law school organizational involvement.

*Placement:* The potential host criminal defense offices are located throughout the county and will offer opportunities to learn about various stages of criminal proceedings ranging from pretrial to appeals. Applicants will be able to rank their location preferences once their application has been received. **Applicants should be advised that placements for the 2021 year may be partly or entirely virtual, depending on the status of the pandemic, applicable state and local regulations, policies of the placement office, etc.**

*Summer Stipend:* Fellows will receive a weekly stipend of \$500.00 to work for up to eight (8) weeks with selected criminal defense offices/practitioners.

*Length of Fellowship:* Up to eight (8) weeks.

### **Application Requirements:**

*A completed application includes:*

1. Completed Diversity Summer Fellowship application
2. Fellowship writing assignment
3. Resumé (not to exceed two pages)

*Application Deadline:* Applications must be submitted by **January 29, 2021 at 11:59pm**.

*Submission Method:* Please submit all documents as PDF attachments to **one** email, sent to [summerfellowship@nacdl.org](mailto:summerfellowship@nacdl.org).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at [summerfellowship@nacdl.org](mailto:summerfellowship@nacdl.org). We also encourage you to visit the NACDL website (<https://nacdl.org/Landing/Diversity-Task-Force-Fellowships>) to both read more about the Diversity Summer Law Fellowship and the 2019 Diversity Law Fellows.

\*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](mailto:summerfellowship@nacdl.org).*

## **NACDL 2021 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.