

GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION



Justice Robert Benham Law Camp

Virtual Application

2021

Mission Statement

Established in 1948, the Gate City Bar Association is the oldest African American Bar Association in the State of Georgia. The Gate City Bar Association was organized by ten African American lawyers to provide the educational, social, and community involvement of a professional association for African American lawyers who had been excluded from participating in the segregated bar associations in Atlanta and throughout the State. The mission of the Gate City Bar Association is to create in the community a practical appreciation for the legal profession; to encourage persons of outstanding promise to attend first rate law schools and return to the communities that need their services most; to oppose arbitrary and capricious laws in our state with all the force and fiber of which we are capable as an organization; to uphold and extend the principles of justice in every phase of American life to the end that no one shall be discriminated against because of color, race, religious beliefs, or national origin.

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The Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp is a summer program designed to expose minority high school students in the Atlanta area to the field of law. In light of the continued public health crisis, and with the deepest concern for all those who continue to be affected, the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp will be held virtually. The two-week summer program is designed to expose deserving high school students in the Atlanta area to the field of law, and will be held during the weeks of June 14 - 18 and June 21 - 25, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Students will be provided instruction on the basics of critical thinking and exposure to minority lawyers and judges in various areas of law. There are no fees or expenses associated with virtual Law Camp.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Students interested in pursuing law as a career and committed to actively participating in the camp's two-week virtual program are encouraged to apply. Further eligibility requirements:

- *Students must be rising 10th - 12th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year.*
- *Enrolled in high school in the state of Georgia.*
- *Perform homework assigned during the Law Camp learning sessions.*
- *Must be responsible, independent, and mature persons who can be relied upon to attend all Law Camp virtual sessions.*
- *Students must be PUNCTUAL.*
- *Students are expected to attend each day from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Only students who can fully commit to the law camp dates and time should apply.*
- *If accepted into the Law Camp summer program, students must fully and exclusively commit to attend all sessions of virtual Law Camp held during June 14-25. Forgoing any part of the Law Camp program to attend another program, or attempting to split time between the Law Camp and another program is not permitted, and will result in the disqualification of the student and removal from virtual Law Camp.*
- *Please note that if you have participated in the Law Camp in the past, you are not eligible to participate again.*

****Absences may result in early release from the program****

SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates of virtual Law Camp will be selected through a two-tier process, including review of an application, essay, and an interview conducted virtually. During the interview, the Selection Committee will explore the applicant's background, commitment to and interest in pursuing law as a career, academic performance, community involvement, and other activities and interests.

All candidate interviews will be held virtually via Webex. Business attire is required.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applicants selected for the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp must attend all Law Camp dates.

2021 Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Virtual Law Camp Critical Dates

Application Deadline	Monday, May 10, 2021
Interview Notification	Monday, May 17, 2021
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, May 22, 2021
Selection Notifications	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Kick-off and Orientation	Friday, June 4, 2021
Law Camp	June 14-25, 2021
Closing	Friday, June 25, 2021

REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

Application Deadline: May 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

1. *Completed Law Camp application.*
2. *Complete essay.*
3. *Applications and essays must be submitted electronically to:*
gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com

****Late or incomplete applications will not be considered****

CONTACT

Questions may be emailed to: gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com



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1. Name _____ Date _____
Last First Middle

2. Address _____

3. Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

4. Email Address _____
(This will serve as the primary method of communicating all program details to you. It should be an email address checked regularly.)

5. Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

6. Name of High School _____

7. Address of High School _____

8. Grade Level as of September 2021 (10th, 11th or 12th): _____

9. G.P.A. as of application date: _____

10. Parents' Names, Addresses and Telephone Contacts:

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Address and Telephone Contacts:

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Home Telephone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Address and Telephone Contacts:

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

City, State, and Zip Code (if different from above): _____

Home Telephone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

11. Have you previously applied to the Justice Benham Law Camp? If so, what year(s)? _____. If selected, what year did you attend? _____.
(Please note that if you attended the Law Camp in the past, you are not eligible to attend again.)

12. Do you have any conflicts (actual or potential) for the period June 14-25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.? _____

If so, please explain in detail (including potential conflicts): _____

13. Are you under consideration or considering other summer programs or early orientation that will conflict with the 2021 Law Camp dates and times? (June 14 – June 25, 2021)?

14. List leadership roles which you have undertaken or have been selected for in your community or school:

15. List honors or awards that you have received in high school (attach additional sheets if necessary):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

16. Extracurricular/Community/Volunteer Activities (School, Religious, Civic, Social Organizations, etc.): (attach additional sheets if necessary):

17. Work Experience, if any. Include employer's name, date, position and responsibilities:

18. Please tell us anything else you would like us to consider.

19. How did you hear about the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp?

21. I hereby certify that all the information provided herein is accurate, current, and true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I do hereby give the Gate City Bar Association, its members, representatives, and assigns my permission to investigate any of the facts contained herein.

Signature

Date

Completed **applications** must be emailed by *May 10, 2021 by 5:00 p.m* to:
gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com

GOOD LUCK!