

# **The Brooklyn Legal Pipeline Initiative**



**Internships  
Mentors And  
Education  
For Diverse Students  
February 2017 - August 2017**

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The Brooklyn Legal Pipeline Initiative (BLPI) is designed to give diverse students who live or attend college in Brooklyn direct instruction on how to successfully apply to and fund a law school education. Each participant will be matched with an attorney mentor. Participants who attend all sessions will be offered an opportunity to obtain a non-paying summer internship. Stipends may be available to defray certain transportation and ancillary costs associated with the internships. This program is co-sponsored by the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association (BWBA), The Defense Association of New York (DANY) and the Brooklyn Bar Association (BBA).

Selected students will attend five (5) two-hour classroom sessions, once a month, starting in February 2017 that will be moderated by Paula Edgar, an attorney, diversity and inclusion coach and former law school administrator. Classes will be held at the Brooklyn Bar Association's landmark building located at 123 Remsen Street in downtown Brooklyn. These classes will be held from 5:30- 7:30 PM on the following dates and will address the following topics:

**February 27, 2017 – The Legal Profession** - What is a lawyer? What do they do? – Panel discussion with judges and attorneys describing the areas in which they practice.

**March 13, 2017 – Applying to Law School** - Course selection- Time management – Writing skills – IRAC - The LSAT's – Paying for law school – Guided questions and answer session with a college career counselor and a law school admissions officer.

**March 27, 2017 - Networking and Mentoring** – Each participant will be paired with an Attorney Mentor - Developing a resume and cover letter.

**April 24, 2017 - Internships** –Interview Skills - Professionalism.

**May 22, 2017- Mock Interviews** - Each participant will participate in simulated interviews and will receive immediate constructive feedback.

**June -August 2017 - Summer Internship Program**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT**

**[www.brooklynwomensbar.org](http://www.brooklynwomensbar.org)**

**[www.defenseassociationofnewyork.org](http://www.defenseassociationofnewyork.org)**

## FACULTY



**Paula T. Edgar, Esq.** is the principal of PGE LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in professional coaching, social media and marketing strategy, and diversity and inclusion. Paula also speaks regularly on these topics by providing keynote speeches as well as professional development trainings.

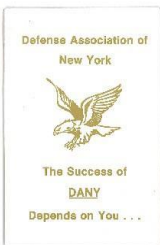
Paula is active with a number of organizations and social justice initiatives and she serves as the President of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. Paula received her B.A. in Anthropology from the California State University (Fullerton) and her J.D. from CUNY School of Law. Connect with Paula at [www.paulaedgar.com](http://www.paulaedgar.com) and via Twitter @paulaedgar and on LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/paulaedgar](http://www.linkedin.com/in/paulaedgar).

## SPONSORING BAR ASSOCIATIONS



**Brooklyn Bar Association (BBA)** - Established in 1872, the Brooklyn Bar Association's primary purpose is to promote professional competence among attorneys and increased respect for the legal system. The BBA promotes access to the legal system through a Lawyer Referral Service, which provides referrals for legal assistance in multiple practice areas. It advances leadership and promotes opportunities for success through networking opportunities and through sections and committees, which focus on improvements in the practice of law. The BBA provides Continuing Legal Education, which enhances the skills, competence and ethics of its members. The belief that the administration of justice is achieved through the integrity, honor and courtesy of the members of the legal profession is the foundation of this association.

**The Defense Association of New York (DANY)** has been serving New York's Defense Bar and legal community for **over 50 years** -- bringing together by association, communication, and organization attorneys and qualified non-attorneys in the state of New York who devote substantial professional time to the handling of litigated cases primarily for the defense. **DANY** is committed to improving the services of the legal profession, elevating the standard of trial practice, supporting and working for the improvement of the adversarial system of jurisprudence in our courts, and facilitating and expediting trial of disputed claims.



**Brooklyn Women's Bar Association** - The mission of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association is to eliminate gender bias in the court, to acknowledge and advance the skills and status of women lawyers in the profession, and to promote, protect and further the rights of all women. The Brooklyn Women's Bar Association is a Chapter of WBASNY, the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

**BROOKLYN LEGAL PIPELINE INITIATIVE APPLICATION**

**\*New\* Application Deadline: February 10, 2017**

**All applications must be submitted via email to**

**BrooklynLegalPipeline@gmail.com or mailed BWBA, 123 Remsen St.**

**Brooklyn, NY 11201 for receipt no later than February 10, 2017.**

**All applicants must submit the following items to be considered:**

**REQUIRED ITEMS**

- **A copy of your transcript**
- **A resume**
- **A recommendation letter from a teacher or an employer**
- **Completed application form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: (H):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(C):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Emergency Contact Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major and Minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you receive financial aid?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Demographics: (Please self- identify, all responses will be kept confidential)**

Female \_\_\_

Male \_\_\_

LGBTQ \_\_\_

African American \_\_\_

Asian \_\_\_

Hispanic \_\_\_

Native American \_\_\_

Pacific Islander \_\_\_

Caucasian \_\_\_

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) Maximum participation is essential to the success of the program. Are you committed to attending each session as well as participating in a 2 month summer internship program in 2017?**
  
- 2) What is the primary goal you hope to achieve through participation in the program? (50 word maximum):**
  
- 3) Have you ever participated in a formal mentoring relationship? If so, please describe. (50 word maximum):**
  
- 4) Everyone belongs to many different communities and/or groups defined by (among other things) shared geography, religion, ethnicity, income, interests, race, ideology, or intellectual heritage. Identify one of the communities to which you belong, describe that community and explain how your participation in this program will help you establish yourself as a leader in this community. (250 words maximum):**
  
- 5) Do you have any previous office experience or special skills computers, typing, languages, etc.?**
  
- 6) Please describe briefly why you would like to participate in the Joint Internship program this summer. (100 words)**
  
- 7) How did you find out about the Internship Program?  
School/Teacher /Career Services  
Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_**

**STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**