

# **The Brooklyn Legal Pipeline Initiative**



## **Internships Mentors and Education**

February 2018 - September 2018

# THE BROOKLYN LEGAL PIPELINE INITIATIVE

The Brooklyn Legal Pipeline Initiative (BLPI) is designed to provide students from diverse backgrounds, who live or attend college in Brooklyn, direct instruction on how to successfully apply to and fund a law school education. Participants will additionally attend a networking event where they will have the opportunity to socialize with practicing attorneys and judges and identify potential mentors. Students who attend all sessions will be offered an opportunity to obtain a 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 2018 that will be moderated by volunteer judges, attorneys and law school administrators. 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 dates to be announced and will address the following topics:

**Session 1 – The Legal Profession** - What is a lawyer? What do they do? – Panel discussion with judges and attorneys describing the areas in which they practice.

**Session 2 – 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 career counselor and a law school admissions officer.

**Session 3- Networking and Mentoring** – Each participant will be paired with an Attorney Mentor - Developing a resume and cover letter.

**Session 4 - Internships** –Interview Skills - Professionalism.

**Session 5- Mock Interviews** - Each participant will participate in simulated interviews and will receive immediate constructive feedback.

**July -August 2018 - Summer Internship Program**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT**

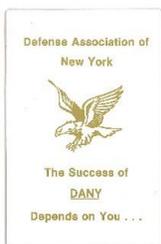
**[www.brooklynwomensbar.org](http://www.brooklynwomensbar.org)**

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



**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 members of the legal profession is the foundation of this association.

**The Defense Association of New York (DANY)** has been serving New York's civil 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 of civil claims. **DANY** is committed to improving the services of the legal profession, elevating the standards of trial practice, supporting and working for the improvement of the adversarial system of jurisprudence in our courts and facilitating and expediting the trial of disputed civil claims.



**Brooklyn Women's Bar Association (BWBA)** came into existence on April 11, 1918, six months after women were granted the right to vote in New York State, when it was incorporated by nine Brooklyn Law School graduates. Their creed—and the Bar's to this day—was education, support and legislation. Since its founding, the BWBA has provided a professional network and legal education programs for women lawyers and engaged in charitable efforts for the benefits of the broader community. It is the goal of the organization to present pertinent continuing legal education that helps women excel in the profession, increase young membership, and overcome the wage inequality between men and women. The BWBA is a chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY). Through its affiliation with WBASNY, the Association has played a key role in shaping many local and national laws affecting women and, by participating in WBASNY's International Law Committee, the BWBA has expanded its influence in global matters involving women.



**BROOKLYN LEGAL PIPELINE INITIATIVE APPLICATION**

**Rolling admissions open through**

**January 24, 2018**

All applications must be submitted via email to [crush@crfslaw.com](mailto:crush@crfslaw.com)  
or mailed to BWBA, 123 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

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**

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