

APPLICATION FOR LAWYERS FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (Class of 2018)

Before applying for this program please keep in mind:

1) You will designate the positions for which you are applying; you may apply to all the sites whose work interests you. *You should create a separate application for each site; you will want to modify some of your answers depending upon the site. (Be sure to indicate the site name at the top of the application.)*

The currently-available sites (and office locations) are:

- Berkeley City Attorney – Berkeley, CA
- Center for Biological Diversity – Oakland, CA
- Center for Food Safety – San Francisco, CA
- Contra Costa County District Attorney – Martinez, CA (and satellite offices)
- Solano County Public Defender – Fairfield, CA

2) During the first (“training”) year of the fellowship, which is simultaneously your third year at UC Hastings, you will receive a total of 24 units (8 fieldwork units each semester and an average of 4 classroom units each semester). Subject to approval of your schedule, you can take additional units unrelated to LfA each semester. Due to fieldwork requirements, it is likely that classes with multiple meetings each week, in the middle of the day, will not be possible.

Under the LfA agreement, during the training year you will work an average minimum of 32 hours/week at your placement site. The training year begins on the first day of Fall classes and ends approximately 10 days before graduation. You will have a reduced winter break (and likely no spring break), due to your fieldwork.

3) During the training year the LfA Academic Director will provide academic advice and oversight. She and your placement supervisor will work with you to ensure that your 3L course selection meets LfA requirements.

4) After graduation you will be given a period of up to three months to prepare for and take the California Bar Examination, followed by a short vacation. Thereafter you will to work in your placement for one calendar year. During your second (“service”) year as a Fellow you will be an employee of Lawyers for America, with an annual salary of \$35,000 (paid biweekly) and paid health insurance.

5) A committee of UC Hastings faculty will screen applications for this program and forward those of finalists to the LFA coordinator at the placements. The placements’ LFA coordinators will decide which finalists to invite for interviews at the placement site. The placements’ LFA coordinators will make offers of the fellowship positions. Students offered fellowship positions will be given 10 days to decide whether to accept and to sign the employment contracts.

6) **Submitting This Application** (certification)

By submitting this application I acknowledge that I am giving permission to UC Hastings College of the Law to release this application, including my resume, my current transcript, writing sample, and, if included, letters of recommendation, as well as any recommendation information gathered from faculty members, to representatives of the partner offices to which I am applying for the purpose of the

fellowship selection process, as well as to members of the Lawyers for America selection committee (who are all employees of UC Hastings).

I agree: _____
(sign here)

(If you affix an electronic signature you acknowledge it as the equivalent of your original signature; you may choose to print just this page, sign and scan and submit it as part of your application, or sign a printed copy of this page and submit it to Lawyers for America by placing it in either Professor Cohen's or Professor Spencer's mailbox in the faculty lounge, 200 McAllister Street, 3rd floor.)

BASIC INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR LFA FELLOWSHIP WITH [Click here to enter text.](#)

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Email Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Telephone Number: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Which was your first-year section? [Click here to enter text.](#)

If you are a transfer student, from which law school did you transfer?
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Who are your current and fall 2016 Hastings professors?
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*Please attach a copy of your current transcript.
Please attach a copy of your current resume.
Please attach your writing sample.*

If you wish, you may attach one or more letters of recommendation that provide information directly relevant to the committee's decision-making process. Recommendations are optional and a scan of an earlier recommendation is acceptable. The committee intends to ask relevant faculty to provide some information about applicants.

Please answer the following questions. There is no maximum or minimum length for your responses; conciseness and clarity will be appreciated. The committee wants to understand your personal motivation for participating in the program, why you believe you will be successful as a Lawyers for America Fellow, and any concerns you have about participation in this program.

1) Why have you chosen to apply to the Lawyers for America program?
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2) What experience or experiences in former employment or any other aspect of your life do you think most prepare you for the experience you anticipate as a Lawyers for America Fellow?

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3) What aspects of your legal education do you think will best prepare you for the experience you anticipate as a Lawyers for America Fellow?

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4) For many LfA positions, it is important that fellows do everything possible to pass the bar exam on the first attempt. With that in mind, please describe your plan to prepare yourself to study for and take the July 2018 bar exam.

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5) What else might be helpful for a selection committee and future employer to know about you?

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6) What courses and requirements (e.g., UCH Writing Requirement or Professional Responsibility class) do you anticipate needing to complete during the 3L fellowship training year?

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7) What other activities – academic or extracurricular – do you plan to participate in during your 3L year?

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8) What are your plans for the summer of 2017?

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9) What, if any, are your concerns about completing your legal education as a Lawyers for America Fellow?

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