Judge Reginald C. Lindsay Fellowship

Each year, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts selects approximately 5-6 Lindsay Fellows who have shown leadership potential and academic ability to intern at the Court.

Judge Reginald C. Lindsay, who was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1945, was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in 1993. Judge Lindsay was the second African-American appointed to the federal bench for this district, and was a notable figure in the Boston legal community during his time in private practice.

Judge Lindsay was deeply committed to local public service along with advancing student learning opportunities. It is fitting, then, that the Lindsay Fellowship was established in his honor, providing students a unique educational opportunity at the John J. Moakley Courthouse while connecting them to the Greater Boston community.

During this intense nine-week summer program, Fellows intern in a judge’s chambers and participate in courses that focus on legal research and writing. During the second month of the program, each Fellow is assigned to the United States Attorney’s Office, the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office, or the Federal Public Defender Office. Throughout the course of the program, Fellows meet with judges, court personnel, community leaders, visit different law schools, and participate in various community service activities.

At the end of the program, Fellows take part in a moot court competition, which is argued before a federal judge. Students prepare for this competition throughout the summer under the guidance of legal professionals.

What are the benefits?
⇒ Learning about the judicial system
⇒ Gaining leadership and networking skills
⇒ Enhancing critical reading and writing skills
⇒ Gaining mentors
⇒ Enhancing public speaking abilities
⇒ Meaningful friendships
⇒ Competitive summer learning opportunity

Who is eligible?
This program is for college students who have a strong interest in a career in law. Nelson Fellow program graduates are given first preference, as are first-generation college students, but all students are considered.

When/where is the Fellowship?
The Fellowship takes place at the John J. Moakley Federal Courthouse, located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston’s Seaport District.
The program runs 9 weeks from June 10, 2024 - August 9, 2024 and takes place Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Is this a paid opportunity?
Fellows receive an educational stipend of $640/week. Additionally, travel to and from the Fellowship is paid for.

When & where do I apply?
Applications will be available online December 4, 2023. The application deadline is February 2, 2024. To access the online application, visit our website www.mad.uscourts.gov/outreach/lindsay

What are my next steps?
⇒ Send in a completed online application
⇒ Be ready to provide your transcript and a letter of recommendation
⇒ Have proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residence status.

To view program dates and learn more about Judge Reginald C. Lindsay and the Lindsay Fellowship, visit: www.mad.uscourts.gov/outreach/lindsay.htm