



Toledo Bar Association Fellowship Collaborative

The Toledo Bar Association, in collaboration with the Toledo Legal Aid Society and the University of Toledo College of Law, has created a twelve month fellowship program for recent law school graduates. The organizations involved identified a critical need to help mentor, guide, and train recently admitted attorneys so that they have the tools and resources to practice law here in the Toledo area. The goal of this fellowship is to provide new lawyers with support and guidance, while also helping to provide access to justice to those in need in Toledo.

Program Details:

The fellowship is a full time commitment and will run January-December 2021. During this time, the fellows will open a private practice with the support of the Toledo Bar Association, and will have the opportunity to work part-time at the Toledo Legal Aid Society. All fellows are expected to commit at least 35 hours a week to the program (including both time spent employed at the Toledo Legal Aid Society and in private practice).

For their work through the Toledo Legal Aid Society, fellows receive \$21,000 for their 14-20 hours/week (no health or other benefits) paid directly to the fellow. Each fellow is paired with an attorney from the felony division and the misdemeanor division. These pairings establish a mentoring relationship with two experienced attorneys and provide a strong foundation for a career in criminal defense. Fellows engage in client interviews; conduct arraignments and bond modification hearings; negotiate with prosecutors; research legal issues; participate in trials and suppression hearings; draft sentencing memoranda; and participate in sentencing hearings. Notably, fellows gain valuable experience in representing clients in both felony and misdemeanor courts. Upon completion of the fellowship program, fellows are eligible to apply for permanent positions with Toledo Legal Aid Society and, ideally, it is hoped that successful participants will continue their careers with the office.

**All applicants interested in the part-time position with the Toledo Legal Aid Society must apply separately
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Participating fellows receive:

- Training, mentoring, and continuing legal education on law practice management and substantive areas of the law from local attorney experts.
- Office space, a laptop computer, access to practice management software, virtual law office set up and support, and website and logo design assistance.
- A stipend for professional liability insurance and membership to the Toledo Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service.
- Referrals to paying clients through the Lawyer Referral Service and Modest Means programs.

Requirements:

- Will have a license to practice law in the State of Ohio and will be in good standing by January, 2021.
- Graduation from an ABA-accredited law school in the past 18 months.
- Interest in building a legal practice in the Toledo, Ohio metropolitan area.

Interested candidates should submit the Fellowship Application and Resume by **November 13, 2020** to mhumphrey@toledobar.org.

If there are any questions, please contact Maggie Humphrey, Assistant Bar Counsel, at 419-242-4763.

Fellowship Application

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Law School:

Graduation Date:

Month/Year of Ohio Bar Admission (or anticipated admission):

Ohio Attorney Registration Number (if already passed the Ohio Bar):

Top (4) Areas of Practice Interest:

Statement of Interest

In 500 words or less, please detail why you are interested in participating in the fellowship program.

Professional References

List of (3) Professional References:

1) Name:

Title:

Employer Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Relationship (e.g. Externship Supervisor, Contracts Professor):

2) Name:

Title:

Employer Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

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