



THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION
2026 DIVERSITY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP IN HEALTH LAW
NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION/HEALTH LAW SECTION

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the ***2026 Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law*** which has been established by The Foundation through a gift from the Health Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. The Fellowship will be awarded to a law student who is currently enrolled in a law school in the State of New York to work with a healthcare attorney or facility in the State of New York during the summer of 2026.

Fellowship Program Goals

The Health Law Section of the New York State Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2026 Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law. The Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law is part of the New York State Bar Association's Diversity Challenge to develop and execute initiatives to increase the diversity of its membership, leadership, and programs. The primary goal of the Fellowship is to increase representation of lawyers and students from a diverse range of backgrounds in health law and provide students from a diverse range of backgrounds an opportunity to experience health law practice.

The Fellowship

The Fellowship will be awarded as follows:

The Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law plans to place a law student in an 8-week summer fellowship with a healthcare attorney or facility across New York State, including but not limited to Albany, New York City, Long Island and Westchester.

- 8-week fellowship
- Placement with a health law attorney in the healthcare industry
- \$ 6,000 Stipend
- Luncheon with healthcare leaders and attorneys

The Fellow will be a guest member of the NYSBA Health Law Section for one year starting with the award of the Fellowship.

1. The Fellow will be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings of the NYSBA Health Law Section during the fall meeting.
2. The Fellowship recipient will be announced in January 2026.

Eligibility

The Fellowship is open to all students as of the Fall 2025 semester who are enrolled in a law school in the State of New York, who intend to practice law in New York State upon graduation, and who are capable of fulfilling the requested work hours and responsibilities. Fellowship finalists may be interviewed in person or virtually.

Fellowship Length

The Fellowship will take place during the summer of 2026 for a period of eight weeks starting **June 2026**. The work requirement per week is 35 hours at the minimum but should not exceed 40 hours.

Fellowship Requirement

At the conclusion of the Fellowship, the recipient will be required to produce a summary evaluation report that may be produced as an article in the Health Law Section Newsletter and/or the Foundation's Newsletter.

Payment of Fellowship

The student will receive \$3,000 during the month of June from The Foundation with the remaining \$3,000 paid to the student during the month of August.

Housing and Other Expense

Housing, transportation, and all other expenses to participate in the Fellowship will be provided by the student.

Fellowship Application Requirements

The applicant **must** submit the following as a single PDF file:

1. A completed application (application form below)
2. Cover letter of interest
3. Unofficial undergraduate and law school transcripts
4. Resume
5. Two letters of recommendation
6. One writing sample on any topic. Although preferable, the writing sample need not be limited to a health care subject

Deadline

Completed application must be submitted by email on or before **Friday, December 5, 2025**.

Format

Emailed files will be accepted in a single PDF format only.

Judging

Criteria for judging applications will be:

1. Content and quality of application materials
2. Demonstrated interest in Health law
3. Work experience
4. Academic record
5. Leadership experience
6. Extracurricular activities and community service
7. Quality of written expression
8. Maturity, integrity and professionalism
9. Any other relevant factors

Submission

Only single PDF files will be accepted.

Completed application must be submitted by email on or before **Friday, December 5, 2025.**

Email submissions should be sent to [**Ldorr@tnybf.org**](mailto:Ldorr@tnybf.org)

Please include “**Health Law Fellowship**” in the subject line.

The Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law was developed in 2011 by the Health Law Section of the New York State Bar Association as part of the Bar Association's Diversity Challenge to develop and execute initiatives to increase the diversity of its membership, leadership and programs and to evaluate the results.

The primary goal of the Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law program is to increase representation of lawyers and students from a diverse range of backgrounds in health law. The Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law program will provide students from a diverse range of backgrounds an opportunity to experience health law practice. The ultimate goal of the diversity effort of the Health Law Section is to create a network and forge relationships which will foster greater diversity among health law attorneys throughout New York State.

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About **THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding educational, direct legal services, and charitable projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession. The Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding for the following purposes:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of civil legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

For more information about The New York Bar Foundation, go to

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Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

School Address: _____
(if different)

Phone: _____ email: _____

Law School attending: _____

___ Day student ___ Evening student

Year of Law School Study as of December 1, 2025: _____

Please indicate membership in any of the following diversity groups:

- ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ Latino/a
- ☐ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, or Asexual
- ☐ Native American or Alaskan native — person having origins in any of the original peoples of America
- ☐ Disabled
- ☐ Other _____

Prior Education

College Name	Address	Major	Dates Attended	Degree
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Include the following materials with this application:

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1. A cover letter which indicates your interest in the practice of health law and the receipt of this Fellowship.
2. An undergraduate and law school transcript. (Transcripts need not be official; finalists may be asked to provide official transcripts.)
3. A resume describing your prior employment and other relevant activities and qualifications.
4. Two letters of recommendation. (These may be the same as used for law school applications.)
5. One writing sample on any topic, preferably Health Law.

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Certification

I hereby certify that all of the statements contained, and information provided in this application, and in the attachments hereto, are truthful, to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2026 Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Where did you hear of TNYBF Fellowship Opportunity? _____