



BOOT CAMP FOR SUCCESS: 2-DAY SEMINAR 2019 APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Balch & Bingham LLP is committed to maintaining a diverse and inclusive workplace and values the perspectives, skills and talents of all backgrounds, including people of different ages, colors, genders, races, national origins, religions, sexual orientations, and disabilities. In the firm's ninth annual Boot Camp for Success program, Balch & Bingham is inviting incoming first year law students to participate in a two-day seminar that is focused on preparing students to succeed in law school and exposing students to the different legal careers and opportunities available to law school graduates, in view of the perspectives of minorities, disadvantaged and underrepresented groups, and other students who may not be as familiar with the practice of law and the legal industry. This seminar, led by Balch & Bingham attorneys, will include candid presentations and panel discussions by seasoned attorneys from a wide variety of backgrounds and career paths who will offer their perspectives on how students can enhance their academic and professional success and make the most of law school opportunities. Selected students will be able to participate in the Boot Camp free-of-charge, but are required to attend both days in their entirety. **This seminar will take place at our office in Birmingham, Alabama, on Thursday, August 1st from ~ 1:00 to 6:00 PM and Friday, August 2nd from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.** For a preview of what to expect, please see the attached highlights from Boot Camp 2018.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

All incoming first-year law students are eligible to apply, although the focus of the seminar is on students who are minorities, are low-income, speak English as a second language, attended secondary school in a Title I district, are first-generation college students, or have resided in a public housing facility. The Boot Camp is limited to approximately 50 students.

Selected participants will be notified when their applications are received and approved. A stipend is available to help offset travel costs to the program for students who are joining us from out of state. To be considered for a travel stipend, please complete the "Travel Stipend Request Form" included with the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed applications must be submitted electronically to bootcamp@balch.com by **4:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, July 19th, 2019**. *Please note that no other documentation (resume, transcript, etc.) is necessary or will be considered with this application.* Applications received after the deadline will be considered late and will not be reviewed. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Barrie Wilson at 205-226-8709.



BOOT CAMP FOR SUCCESS 2019 APPLICATION FORM

Completed applications must be submitted electronically to bootcamp@balch.com by 4:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, July 19th, 2019.

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Expected Law School Graduation Date (MM/YYYY): _____

Hometown: _____ High School: _____

Undergraduate College & Major: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Previous Work Experience: _____

Particularly as it relates to the eligibility and selection criteria previously stated, please explain why you want to participate in Boot Camp and how you think it would be beneficial to you. Response should be limited to 150 words or less. _____

(Continue on next page if necessary.)



CERTIFICATION

I have read and understand the application instructions and selection criteria. I certify that I am or will soon be an enrolled student in good standing at _____ School of Law/Law School and that I have not received any honor code violations as of the date below. I further certify that the information I have submitted is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Boot Camp 2019: Travel Stipend Request Form

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Law School you will be attending in the fall of 2019: _____

What City/State will you be traveling from to attend Boot Camp 2019: _____

Estimated **roundtrip** mileage to/from Birmingham, AL (if applicable): _____

Estimated flight cost to Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (if applicable): _____

Please note that travel arrangements and expenses are the responsibility of those attending.

Students from out of state may qualify for a stipend to offset those expenses. The amount of the stipend will vary by participant and distance of travel. A list of local hotels and available discounts will be provided to students who are accepted into the program, however many students find alternate accommodations and/or split the cost of travel with others attending from their area. A Facebook page will be created for attendees so that you may contact each other directly to coordinate travel arrangements as desired.

Stipends are payable at the close of Boot Camp and you must attend both days in full to be eligible.



BOOT CAMP FOR SUCCESS: 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2018 Boot Camp for Success featured:

- **My Life as an Attorney: The experience of being an attorney and how to prepare to enter the profession**
 - **Judge Javan J. Patton**, Circuit Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit
 - **Whitney Lipscomb**, Office of the Governor of the State of Mississippi
 - **Myla Calhoun**, Alabama Power Foundation
- **Getting a Job, Personal Skills, and Networking: Importance of developing skills other than grades, including: personality, networking, community activities, speaking skills, interviewing**
 - **Natalie Bolling**, Vulcan Materials Company
 - **Leigh Davis**, Alabama Power Company
 - **Jesse Vogtle**, Balch & Bingham LLP
- **A mock class taught by a law school professor**
- **Instruction on legal writing and law school exams**
- **New attorneys and current law students give study tips, discuss proper case briefing, and answer questions about how to be academically successful in your first year of law school**
- **Seasoned attorneys discuss how to develop interview skills and common missteps made during the job search process**
- **And much, much more!**