



## THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

### *2021 TRUSTS AND ESTATES LAW SECTION FELLOWSHIP*

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the *2021 Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellowship* which has been established by the Foundation through a gift from the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. The Fellowship will be awarded to three first-year (1L) or second-year (2L) law students who are currently enrolled in law schools in the State of New York to work in trusts and estates law positions in the public sector in the State of New York during the summer of 2021.

#### Fellowship Program Goals

The Fellowship Program will provide students an opportunity to experience trusts and estates law practice. The ultimate goal of the Fellowship is to create a network and forge relationships among trusts and estates law attorneys throughout the State of New York. Through the Fellowship, the student will be provided a meaningful and appropriately supervised work experience in the **Chambers of the Honorable Stacy L. Pettit of Albany County Surrogate Court** OR in the **Chambers of the Honorable Mary Keib Smith of Onondaga County Surrogate Court** OR in the **Chambers of the Honorable Theresa Whelan of Suffolk County Surrogate Court**.

#### The Fellowship

1. The Fellowship will be awarded as follows:
  - a. \$5,000 to one student to spend the summer of 2021 (10 weeks) working on trusts and estates law matters in the Chambers of the Honorable Stacy L. Pettit of Albany County Surrogate Court.
  - b. \$5,000 to one student to spend the summer of 2021 (10 weeks) working on trusts and estates law matters in the Chambers of the Honorable Mary Keib Smith of Onondaga County Surrogate Court.
  - c. \$5,000 to one student to spend the summer of 2021 (10 weeks) working on trusts and estates law matters in the Chambers of the Honorable Theresa Whelan of Suffolk County Surrogate Court.
2. The Fellow will be a guest member of the NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section for one year starting with the award of the Fellowship.
3. The Fellow will be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings of the NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section during the fall 2021 meeting. The Fellow's travel costs to the meeting will be reimbursed by the Section.
4. The Fellowship recipient will be announced no later than March 30, 2021.

## **Eligibility**

The Fellowship is open to all first-year (1L) and second-year (2L) students as of the fall 2020 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.

## **Fellowship Length**

The Fellowship will take place during the summer of 2021 for a period of ten weeks from **June 2021 to August 2021**. For the (2) full-time fellowships, the work requirement per week is 35 hours at the minimum but should not exceed 40 hours.

## **Location of Fellowship**

The 2021 Fellowships are located in the following courts: in the Chambers of the Honorable Stacy L. Pettit of Albany County Surrogate's Court OR in the Chambers of the Honorable Mary Keib Smith of Onondaga County Surrogate Court OR in the Chamber of the Honorable Theresa Whelan of Suffolk County Surrogate Court.

## **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 Trusts and Estates Law Section Newsletter and/or the Foundation's Newsletter.

## **Payment of Fellowship**

The student will receive \$2,500 during the month of June from The Foundation with the remaining \$2,500 paid to the student during the month of August (no federal or state income taxes will be withheld and a 1099 will be issued to the student by January 31, 2022).

## **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:**

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 related to the law. The writing sample must be at least five pages but shall not exceed 10 typed pages double- spaced.

### **Deadline**

All materials must be submitted by email on or before **Monday, February 8, 2021.**

### **Format**

Emailed files will be accepted in Microsoft Word and/or PDF format.

### **Judging**

**Criteria for judging applications will be:**

1. Content and quality of application materials
2. Demonstrated interest in trusts and estates 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**

All materials must be submitted by email on or before **Monday, February 8, 2021.**

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

Please include 'Trusts & Estates Fellowship' on the subject line.

*About the* **TRUSTS AND ESTATES LAW SECTION**  
**of the NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

The Trusts and Estates Law Section is actively involved in all aspects of estate practice by analyzing topical issues, drafting new legislation and providing relevant continuing legal education to practitioners. The Section has been in the forefront of proposing significant legislation which has enhanced the practice of trusts and estates law, such as the creation of unified forms throughout the Surrogate's Court system referred to as "HOT DOCs" and ratification of the attorney-client privilege between counsel and a fiduciary. It is enormously rewarding to play a role in the development of the law which governs the trusts and estates law practice.

For more information about the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, go to

<https://nysba.org/committees/trusts-estates-law-section/>

*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 legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

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

[www.tnybf.org](http://www.tnybf.org)



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## APPLICATION FORM

Name: Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different)

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Day student                       Evening student

Year of Law School Study as of December 1, 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Intent to practice in New York in trusts and estates: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the location where you will be available to pursue the Fellowship:**

Chambers of Honorable Stacy L. Pettit    **OR**     Chambers of Honorable Mary Keib Smith  
**OR**     Chambers of Honorable Theresa Whelan

### **Prior Education**

College Name	Address	Major	Dates Attended	Degree
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### **Attach the following materials to this application:**

1. A cover letter which indicates your interest in the practice of trusts and estates 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 related to the law. (Must be at least five but shall not exceed 10 double-spaced typewritten pages.)

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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 2021 Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellowship.**

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

Where did you hear of TNYBF Fellowship Opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_