

A photograph of the Brooklyn Bridge spanning the East River, with the Manhattan skyline in the background. The bridge's stone towers and steel cables are prominent. The One World Trade Center is visible among the skyscrapers. The water in the foreground is dark and reflects the bridge and sky.

# The Brooklyn Legal Pipeline Initiative

Internship, Mentorship & Education

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Brooklyn Bar Association (BBA)

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# THE BROOKLYN LEGAL PIPELINE INITIATIVE

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The Brooklyn Legal Pipeline Initiative (BLPI) is designed to provide students from diverse backgrounds, who live or attend college throughout New York State, direct instruction on how to successfully apply to and fund a law school education. Participants will attend virtual networking events where they will have the opportunity to socialize with practicing attorneys and judges and identify potential mentors. Students who attend all sessions will be offered an opportunity to obtain a summer internship. In past years students have interned for judges, legal service organizations and private law firms. This program is sponsored by the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association (BWBA), The Defense Association of New York (DANY), the Brooklyn Bar Association (BBA) and the NYS Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Selected students will attend five (5) two-hour classroom sessions, once a month, from 6:00-8:00pm starting in February 2021 that will be moderated by volunteer judges, attorneys and law school administrators. Given the present challenges that COVID -19 poses our program sessions will be held virtually on a Zoom like platform. Participants who are intending to sit for the LSAT should know that the Pipeline is actively attempting to partner again with PowerScore, a nationally recognized LSAT prep course, to provide participants with a substantial course discount.

## TOPICS

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**February 2, 2021 – The Legal Profession: What is a lawyer? What do they do?**

Panel discussion with judges and attorneys describing their practice areas.

**March 2, 2021 – Applying to Law School:** Course selection- Time management – Writing skills – IRAC - The LSAT's – Paying for law school – Guided Q&A session with a career counselor & a law school admissions officer.

**March 23, 2021- Networking and Mentoring:** Each participant will be paired with an Attorney Mentor - Developing a resume and cover letter.

**April 13, 2021 Internships:** Interview Skills - Professionalism.

**May 11, 2021 - Mock Interviews** - Each participant will participate in simulated interviews and will receive immediate constructive feedback.

**July -August 2021** - Summer Internship Program

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

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

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

## BROOKLYN BAR ASSOCIATION (BBA)

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Established in 1872, the Brooklyn Bar Association's primary purpose is to promote professional competence among attorneys and increased respect for the legal system. The BBA promotes access to the legal system through a Lawyer Referral Service, which provides referrals for legal assistance in multiple practice areas. It advances leadership and promotes opportunities for success through networking opportunities and through sections and committees, which focus on improvements in the practice of law. The BBA provides Continuing Legal Education, which enhances the skills, competence and ethics of its members. The belief that the administration of justice is achieved through the integrity, honor and courtesy of the members of the legal profession is the foundation of this association.

## THE DEFENSE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK (DANY)

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DANY has been serving New York's civil defense bar and legal community for over 50 years -- bringing together by association, communication, and organization attorneys and qualified non-attorneys in the state of New York who devote substantial professional time to the handling of litigated cases primarily for the defense of civil claims. DANY is committed to improving the services of the legal profession, elevating the standards of trial practice, supporting and working for the improvement of the adversarial system of jurisprudence in our courts and facilitating and expediting the trial of disputed civil claims.

## BROOKLYN WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION (BWBA)

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BWBA came into existence on April 20, 1918, six months after women were granted the right to vote in New York State, when it was incorporated by nine Brooklyn Law School graduates. Their creed—and the Bar's to this day—was education, support and legislation. Since its founding, the BWBA has provided a professional network and legal education programs for women lawyers and engaged in charitable efforts for the benefits of the broader community. It is the goal of the organization to present pertinent continuing legal education that helps women excel in the profession, increase young membership, and overcome the wage inequality between men and women. The BWBA is a chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY). Through its affiliation with WBASNY, the Association has played a key role in shaping many local and national laws affecting women and, by participating in WBASNY's International Law Committee, the BWBA has expanded its influence in global matters involving women.

## NYS ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS

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The New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers maintains a strong commitment to protect, preserve and enhance the civil justice system. A diverse association with members from a variety of practice areas and positions within the legal community, the Academy provides FREE Continuing Legal Education seminars on a wide range of topic areas, access to Academy publications, deals and access to legal service providers via our sponsorship program, and more. To learn more visit us at [www.trialacademy.org](http://www.trialacademy.org).

# BROOKLYN LEGAL PIPELINE INITIATIVE APPLICATION

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Rolling admissions open through **January 29, 2021**

All applications must be submitted via email to [crush@bmmfirm.com](mailto:crush@bmmfirm.com)  
or mailed to Ms. Claire F. Rush, Barry McTiernan & Moore  
101 Greenwich Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10006

**All applicants must submit the following items to be considered:**

A copy of your transcript / Resume / Completed application form

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact\_\_\_\_\_

College\_\_\_\_\_

Major and Minor\_\_\_\_\_

GPA\_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date\_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive financial aid?\_\_\_\_\_

Demographics: *(Please self-identify, all responses will be kept confidential)*

Female      Male      Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

African American      Asian      Hispanic      Native American  
Pacific Islander      Caucasian

Other (please describe)



**PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

1) Maximum participation is essential to the success of the program. Are you committed to attending each session as well as participating in a 2-month summer internship program in 2021?

2) What is the primary goal you hope to achieve through participation in the program? (50-word maximum)

3) Have you ever participated in a formal mentoring relationship? If so, please describe. (50-word maximum)

4) Everyone belongs to many different communities and/or groups defined by (among other things) shared geography, religion, ethnicity, income, interests, race, ideology, or intellectual heritage. Identify one of the communities to which you belong, describe that community and explain how your participation in this program will help you establish yourself as a leader in this community. (250 words maximum)

5) Do you have any previous office experience or special skills: computers, typing, languages, etc.?

6) Please describe briefly why you would like to participate in the Joint Internship program this summer. (100 words)

7) How did you find out about the Internship Program?  
School/Teacher /Career Services/ Other (please describe)

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_