



Established in 1948, the **Gate City Bar Association** is the oldest African American Bar Association in the State of Georgia. The Gate City Bar Association was organized by ten African American lawyers to provide the educational, social, and community involvement of a professional association for African American lawyers who had been excluded from participating in the segregated bar associations in Atlanta and throughout the State. The mission of the Gate City Bar Association is to create in the community a practical appreciation for the legal profession; to encourage persons of outstanding promise to attend first rate law schools and return to the communities that need their services most; to oppose arbitrary and capricious laws in our state with all the force and fiber of which we are capable as an organization; to uphold and extend the principles of justice in every phase of American life to the end that no one shall be discriminated against because of color, race, religious beliefs, or national origin.

**Gate City Bar Association's
Justice Robert Benham Law Camp
hosted by the Georgia State University College of Law**

The **Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp** is designed to expose minority high school students in the Atlanta area to the field of law. Eligible students, rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students (for the 2009-2010 school year), must be interested in pursuing law as a career and committed to actively participating in the camp's three week program. Students will be exposed to practicing minority lawyers and judges, be given an opportunity to tour various legal institutions like the state and superior courts and the Georgia Supreme Court and Georgia Court of Appeals. Students will be provided instruction on the basics of critical thinking and various areas of law and be given an opportunity to work in a legal environment during the internship phase of the program. The 2009 Law Camp will be held June 8 to June 26, 2009 and hosted by Georgia State University's College of Law located in downtown Atlanta in the Urban Life Building on 140 Decatur Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Georgia State University's College of Law in conjunction with Clark Atlanta University's Educational Talent Search Program are partnering with the Gate City Bar Association to provide support to this summer's program.

Candidates for the Law Camp will be selected through a two-tier process including review of an application and associated documentation, as well as a rigorous interview. During this interview, the Selection Committee will explore the applicant's background, commitment to and interest in pursuing law as a career, academic performance, community involvement, and other activities. The candidate must be a responsible, independent, and mature person who can be relied upon to attend the Law Camp's daily activities and perform the homework assigned during the Law Camp learning sessions.

The attached biographical application, a copy of the candidate's transcript and the candidate's personal essay will be used by the Selection Committee to select participants in the Law Camp. Selected candidates have no fees and/or expenses associated with the Law Camp. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for transporting students to and from the law camp and internships. Students must wear business casual attire for all camp activities. All students must be punctual or they will be subject for removal from the program. The Law Camp will take place at Georgia State University from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Internships will take place in a legal practice environment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Completed Law Camp applications and all associated materials **must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2009**, at King & Spalding, 1180 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309, addressed to the attention of Harold E. Franklin, Jr. Applications and associated materials may also be submitted electronically to gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com or faxed to Harold Franklin at (404) 572-5137 by the above deadline. Any questions may be emailed to gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com or may be left in the Gate City Law Camp voicemail box at (404) 572-2401. *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.* All candidates selected for an interview will be notified on **Monday, May 11, 2009** by phone, email, or U.S. Mail to arrange an interview time. The Selection Committee will conduct interviews on **Saturday, May 16, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia**. Candidates will be notified by phone, email, or U.S. Mail of their selection after the interviews.

In addition to the completed application, candidates must provide an official high school transcript, proof of good standing from his or her school, and two letters of recommendation. The author of each letter must identify their relationship to the applicant, how long he or she has known the applicant, and in what capacity. The letter should be addressed to the **Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp**. The letters may be attached to the application or the author may send the letters directly to the Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Selection Committee, c/o King & Spalding, 1180 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309, to the attention of Harold E. Franklin, Jr. Recommendation letters received after **May 8, 2009, 5:00 p.m.** will not be considered. Incomplete application packages will not be reviewed for selection.

Candidates selected to participate will be notified on **Friday, May 22, 2009**. All Gate City Bar Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Participants ***must be able to attend the Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Kick-Off on June 5, 2009, and the Closing Reception at the law offices of King & Spalding LLP, located at 1180 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3521.*** The attire for this event is professional business attire, not business casual.

**2009 Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp
Critical Dates**

Application Deadline	Friday, May 8, 2009
Interview Notification	Monday, May 11, 2009
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, May 16, 2009
Selection Notifications	Friday, May 22, 2009
Kick-Off Reception	Friday, June 5, 2009
Law Camp	June 8-19, 2009
Law Camp Internships	June 22-26, 2009
Closing Awards Reception	Friday, June 26, 2009

**GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION'S JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM LAW CAMP
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Name _____ Date _____
 Last First Middle

2. Address _____

3. Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

4. Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

5. Name of High School _____

6. Address of High School _____

7. Grade Level as of May 2009: _____ G.P.A. as of application date: _____

9. Parents' Names and Addresses:

Mother:

Father:

10. List leadership roles which you have undertaken or have been selected for in your community or school:

11. List honors or awards that you have received in high school (attach additional sheets if necessary):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

12. Extracurricular/Community Activities (School, Religious, Civic, Social Organizations, etc.): (attach additional sheets if necessary):

13. Work Experience, if any:

15. I hereby certify that all the information provided herein is accurate, current, and true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I do hereby give the Gate City Bar Association, its members, representatives, and assigns my permission to investigate any of the facts contained herein.

Signature

Date

PLEASE ATTACH:

1. An official high school transcript from all high schools you have attended.
2. A letter of good standing from the principal or counselor of the high school which you are presently attending.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

Send a completed application and essay in addition to **all** of the above support materials to:

**Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp
c/o King & Spalding
Attention: Harold E. Franklin, Jr., Chair
1180 Peachtree St. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
(404) 572-2401**

**Applications and supporting materials
received after Friday, May 8, 5:00 p.m. will NOT be considered.**

You will be notified regarding the status of your application and if you have been selected for an interview on May 11, 2009. Interviews are scheduled for:

Saturday, May 16, 2009 in Atlanta at the offices of King & Spalding LLP.

Candidates selected to participate in the Law Camp will be notified on May 22, 2009. All Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp participants *must be able to attend* the Kick-Off Reception and Closing Awards Reception scheduled for:

Friday, June 5, 2009 and Friday, June 26, 2009

at the offices of King & Spalding LLP