

The Justice Harry W. Low Fellowship

The AABA Law Foundation is honored to administer and award the Justice Harry W. Low Fellowship. Funded by the family and friends of the late Justice Harry Low (1931-2021), the fellowship is an annual \$10,000 award to a graduating law student with a committed position in public service (either government or non-profit service) or a judicial clerkship.

Applicant requirements (application is attached):

- 3L law student
- Committed legal employment after graduation in a government position, non-profit organization, or in a judicial clerkship
- A strong academic record and/or other indicators of future career success
- Bay Area law school attendance
- Financial need
- Membership in AABA will be considered, and in-person acceptance at the AABA Summer Diversity Reception on **June 21 or 22, 2023** is expected/encouraged
- Essay explaining the applicant's career aspirations, the inspiration for the applicant's targeted field of practice, and the steps the applicant has taken, and will take, to achieve their goals. Maximum 3 pages, double-spaced.

About Justice Harry W. Low

Justice Harry W. Low was a pioneer Asian American attorney, judge, and community leader whose life and career have inspired AABA members for decades. Born in 1931 in the Central Valley town of Oakdale, he graduated from UC Berkeley in 1952 and Berkeley Law School in 1955. He served in the California Attorney General's Office 1956 to 1966. In 1967, Justice Low became the first Asian American judge in San Francisco when he was named to the Municipal Court. He was appointed as a Superior Court judge in 1974 and, in 1982, as a Justice on the First District Court of Appeal, where he became presiding justice in 1983. He retired from the bench in 1992 and joined JAMS, where he served for many years as a much sought after arbitrator and mediator. His post-judicial career also included the presidency of the San Francisco Police Commission, leadership of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, and from 2000-2003, a term as the California Insurance Commissioner. He founded the bilingual Chinese American International School and was named "San Franciscan of the Year" by the San Francisco Forum in 2007. He remained actively working until his passing in December 2021 at age 90. His sons Larry Low and Allan Low are AABA members.



ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
OF THE GREATER BAY AREA

2023 Justice Harry W. Low Fellowship Application and Instructions

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Are you a member of AABA? Yes No

Law School: _____

2023 Post Grad Employment: _____

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend law school in the United States?

Yes No

Law School GPA: _____

Law School Honors and Activities:

Undergraduate School: _____

Degree: _____

Major: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Undergraduate Honors and Activities:

Graduate School (if applicable): _____

Degree: _____

Area of Study: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Languages Spoken/Degree of Fluency:

Education Level of Father: _____

Occupation of Father: _____

Education Level of Mother: _____

Occupation of Mother: _____

Financial Aid/Need Information:

Law School Financial Need/Aid Information

Loans (Federal and Private): _____

Grants: _____

Scholarships: _____

Campus Job or Work/Study Earnings: _____

Total Law School Debt as of date of application: _____

Total Projected Law School Debt in Entirety: _____

Non-Law School Educational Financial Need/Aid Information

Undergraduate Loan Debt: _____

Non-Law School Graduate Loan Debt (if applicable): _____

Optional Statement of Financial Circumstances (attach additional page if necessary):

INSTRUCTIONS:

A complete Application consists of the following:

- 1. A completed Application Form**
- 2. A resume/CV, and**
- 3. A personal statement of no more than three pages, double-spaced, addressing the following issue:**

Please explain your career aspirations, the inspiration(s) for your targeted field of practice, and the steps you have taken, and will take, to achieve your goals.

Please submit your complete Application in a single PDF file. Please submit all Applications by **May 15, 2023** via e-mail to aaba.bayarea@gmail.com, with “2023 Justice Harry W. Low Fellowship Application – [your name]” in the subject line.

Finalists will be notified if they are selected for an interview by **June 6, 2023**.

Interviews will be held via Zoom on **June 10, 2023**, and the recipient will be notified by **June 15, 2023**.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Asian American Bar Association in-person Summer Diversity Reception on **June 21 or 22, 2023**, exact date and place to be determined.

Key Dates

May 15, 2023 Fellowship applications due.

June 10, 2023 Interviews of finalists by video conference between 9am - noon

June 15, 2023 Recipient to be notified of Fellowship.

June 21 or 22, 2023 Recipients recognized at the AABA Summer Reception. Exact date and place to be confirmed.