



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 2016-2017 school year) enrolled in a Georgia school, 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, and will 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 will be given an opportunity to work in a legal environment during the internship phase of the program. The two-week class instruction portion of the 2016 Law Camp will be held June 6 to June 17, 2016, and will be hosted by Georgia State University's College of Law located in downtown Atlanta at, 85 Park Place, N.E. , 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 the 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 and interests. 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 candidate must be able to attend all Law Camp functions and events; absences may result in removal from the program.

The attached biographical application, a copy of the candidate's transcript and the candidate's personal essay will be used by the Selection Committee as they 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. The two-week class instruction portion of the Law Camp will take place at Georgia State University from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on week days from June 6 through June 17. Internships will take place in a legal practice environment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on week days from June 20 through June 24. Students must wear business casual attire during the class instruction and internship portions of the Law Camp. All students must attend all Law Camp functions and events, and they must be punctual, or they will be subject for removal from the program.

Completed Law Camp applications and all associated materials **must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2016**, 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. Although you may submit your application and associated materials electronically (via e-mail or facsimile), you must bring the originals with you to your interview if you are selected to be interviewed. Interviews will be in person at the offices of King & Spalding in Atlanta, with no exceptions, i.e., no phone or internet interviews will be permitted. Any questions may be emailed to gatecitylawcamp@kslaw.com or may be left in the Gate City Law Camp voicemail box at (404) 572-5085. *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.* All candidates selected for an interview will be notified no later than **Friday, May 13, 2016** by phone, email, or U.S. Mail with their interview time. The Selection Committee will conduct interviews on **Saturday, May 21, 2016, 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 21, 2016, 4:00 p.m.** will not be considered. Incomplete application packages will not be reviewed for selection.

Candidates selected to participate will be notified no later than **Friday, May 27, 2016**. In addition to the activities and events described above, all Gate City Bar Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Participants ***must also be able to attend the Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Kick-Off on Friday, June 3, 2016, and the Closing Reception on Monday, June 27, 2016, at the law offices of King & Spalding LLP, located at 1180 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3521.*** Again, applicants must attend **all** Law Camp activities and events. The attire for the Kick-Off and Closing Reception is professional business attire, not business casual.

2016 Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp Critical Dates

Application Deadline	Monday, May 2, 2016
Interview Notification	Friday, May 13, 2016
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, May 21, 2016
Selection Notifications	Friday, May 27, 2016
Kick-Off Reception	Friday, June 3, 2016
Law Camp	June 6-17, 2016
Law Camp Internships	June 20-June 24, 2016
Closing Awards Reception	Monday, June 27, 2016

**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 September 2016: _____

8. 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:

King & Spalding
Gate City Bar Association's Justice Robert Benham Law Camp
Attention: Harold E. Franklin, Jr., Chair
1180 Peachtree St. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
(404) 572-5085

Applications and supporting materials
received after Monday, May 2 at 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 no later than May 13, 2016. Interviews are scheduled for:

Saturday, May 21, 2016 in Atlanta at the offices of King & Spalding LLP

Candidates selected to participate in the Law Camp will be notified no later than May 27, 2016. 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 3, 2016 and Monday, June 27, 2016
at the offices of King & Spalding LLP