THURGOOD MARSHALL SUMMER LAW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2025

Information Guide

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What's TMSLIP?

The Thurgood Marshall Summer Law Internship Program (TMSLIP) provides New York City public high school students with access to distinguished legal employers for a summer employment opportunity and professional development training. Our student selection process involves an application and robust interview process. Our legal employers consist of law firms, corporations, nonprofits, and government organizations. The program runs annually from March through August and is part of the New York City Bar Association's continued efforts to strengthen the pipeline to the legal profession.

TMSLIP is a paid summer internship program which lasts between 6 – 8 weeks. The employer partners are the employers of the student participants, not the NYC Bar Association.

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How to Apply:

1. Complete the **Typeform Application**
2. Submit written materials and documents outlined in the **Application Checklist**
3. Attend the information session on December 12, 2024 by contacting Mary Ellen at mellenlarosa@nycbar.org
4. Schedule your interview with Mary Ellen if/when offer is received via email

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Questions?
Contact Mary Ellen at
mellenlarosa@nycbar.org

Dates to Remember*:

November 25, 2024
Application Launch
December 11, 2024
Applicant Info Session
January 22-31, 2025
Interviews
April 2 - 16, 2025
Virtual Workshops
June 18, 2025
Kick-Off Ceremony & Networking Event
July 16, 2025
Alternative Careers in the Law Panel
August 28, 2025
Closing Ceremony

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How to Prepare for your 2025 intern(s):

1. Complete the **registration form** by March 10, 2025
2. Attend the virtual Mandatory Employer Training on March 19, 2025
3. Attend the Kick-Off Ceremony & Networking Event at the City Bar on June 18, 2025

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November 25, 2024 - Employer Registration Launches
January 22 - 31, 2025 - Applicant interviews
February 12, 2025 - Employer Info Session
March 10, 2025 - Registration closes
March 19, 2025 - Mandatory Employer Training
June 18, 2025 - Kick-Off Ceremony & Networking Event

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2024 Employers

Akin Gump Strauss Haur & Feld LLP
Anderson Kill PC
ASK LLP
Baker McKenzie LLP
Brooklyn Law School
City Bar Justice Center
Cohen & Gresser LLP
Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP
DLA Piper
Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP
Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP
Jenner & Block LLP
Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP
Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Labaton Sucharow LLP
NYS Unified Courts System
Olshan Frome Wolosky LLP
Phillips Lytle LLP
Proskauer Rose LLP
Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney LLP
Sive Paget & Riesel PC
Skadden Arps Flom & Meagher LLP
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz LLP
Waterfront Commission of NY Harbor
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Past Employers

Accenture LLP
Allen & Overy LLP
Alston & Bird LLP
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP
Attorney General
BakerHostetler LLP
Blackstone
Bloomberg L.P.
Bracewell LLP
Breakthrough Outreach Ministries
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Brown Rudnick LLP
Chadbourne & Parke LLP
Chambers of Judge Dora Irizarry,
Chambers of the Hon. Andrea Masley
Chambers of the Hon. Debra Kaplan
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Clifford Chance US LLP
Columbia Law School
Cooley LLP
County, Queens (Criminal Defense Practice)]
Davis + Gilbert LLP
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Disney Theatrical Group and Marvel (NY)
Donaldson & Chilliest, LLP
DTI Global
Epiq
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Goldberg Segalla
Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
Latham & Watkins LLP
Law Office of Karen A. Webb
Law Office of Tsui H. Yee
Law Offices of Irina Yadgarova PLLC
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Natural Resources Defense Council
Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP
New York City Commission on Human Rights
New York City Department of Consumer Affairs
New York Life Insurance Company
Office of the UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Opinion & Expression
Plaine & Katz LLP
Project Guardianship
QBE Americas
Scarcini Hollenbeck LLC
Schrödinger, Inc.
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
SiriusPoint Ltd.
Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
The HBCU Hub
The Law Office of Ali Najmi
The Legal Aid Society [Manhattan, New York
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"...you cannot envision or imagine what you can't see...I learned so much, but the most valuable lesson was that there were endless possibilities and different paths to success.

Sophia Ferguson, TMSLIP 1997 | *Arnold & Porter*

The most valuable lesson I learned...is the importance of community and sponsorship within the legal profession. Having a built-in network of supporters not only telling me I can be a lawyer, but also showing me how to make my dreams become a reality was crucial to my journey through the pipeline in becoming a first-generation black female attorney.

Shanice Naidu-Jimenez, TMSLIP 2005 | *NYC Law Department*

The exposure I received that summer and the relationships I forged as a result changed my life....I built a network of colleagues I consider to be friends and lawyers who are my mentors through this program. I still rely on many of these same people for professional and personal guidance.

Raabia Qasim, TMSLIP 2006 | *AGC, City of NY*

The Thurgood Marshall Summer Law Internship Program was the best, and often only, resource I had for learning about the legal profession...through the TMSLIP I learned not only how long and challenging the journey succeed in this profession is, but also how rewarding it can be to succeed and be able to give back...[The] lessons from the TMSLIP and the network of friends, colleagues, and mentors have been critical to my career.

Jay R. Wexler, TMSLIP 2009 | *Winston & Strawn LLP*

The Thurgood Marshall Summer Law Internship Program was monumental in solidifying my choice to pursue a career in the legal field...I was able to gain tremendous experience, invaluable connections, and lifelong mentors.

Benjamin Babayev, TMSLIP 2022

While the work I did at each firm differed, at each, I gained the professionalism and posture necessary to enter corporate spaces. Now, as a first-year student at Columbia University, my time as a TMSLIP intern has undoubtedly confirmed my interest in pursuing a career in law, granting me the first foothold to do so.

Audrea Chen, TMSLIP 2022-2024

[The] most memorable part of my summer was connecting with the DEI team, diverse lawyers, and colleagues, all of whom welcomed me and made the utmost effort to provide me with endless learning opportunities (both in and outside my internship).

Annick Niyonsaba, TMSLIP 2022-2024

Many internships, even at the undergraduate level, get the reputation of being comprised of busy work with little to no oversight of industry knowledge. At TMSLIP, this could not have been further from the truth; each and every second of my 8 weeks was spent learning more about, and subsequently falling in love with a career in law."

Angeline Ortega, TMSLIP 2023

My experience with TMSLIP broadened my understanding of the legal world, providing invaluable hands-on exposure to the practical aspects of law. The internship sharpened my legal skills and deepened my passion for pursuing a career in this field.

Ryan Lai, TMSLIP 2024

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