



Latino Judges Association

Fall 2026 Internship Program

About the Association:

Founded in 1985, the *Latino Judges Association, Inc.*, (formerly known as the Association of Judges of Hispanic Heritage), was created by a group of Latino Judges determined to increase and promote diversity on the bench. The purpose of the Association includes: to serve as a forum to discuss areas of mutual concern among Latino Judges; to encourage judicial service among Latinos; to publicize and recognize achievements of Latino Judges and others; and to educate the public about the judicial system and the role of the Latino Judges.

About the Internship Program:

In 2025, the *Latino Judges Association* launched its eight-week Spring/Fall internship program which provides two law students with a unique **in-person** internship experience during the Spring or Fall semester of the academic year. During the eight-week program, the intern will spend four weeks in an appellate court (Court of Appeals, Appellate Division or Appellate Term) and four weeks in a trial court (Supreme Court, Civil Court, Criminal Court, Family Court or Housing Court) under the supervision of a Host Judge or Justice assigned to that court. The *Latino Judges Association* Spring/Fall Internship Program is open to law students who have completed at least one year of law school.

The Fall 2026 *Latino Judges Association Internship Program* will begin on September 21, 2026, and continue for eight weeks until Friday, November 13, 2026. Interns are expected to commit to 20 hours per week for the full eight-week program. Interns are eligible for academic credit or, upon proof that the intern is not receiving academic credit, a stipend of up to \$2500.

Interns are expected to wear appropriate business attire, to be punctual and to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Intern assignments may include: legal research and writing, review/summarize documents and pleadings, observation of trials/hearings and other proceedings, participation in case conferences, and engaging in special projects and other duties as assigned.

***** All application materials are due by Friday, August 21, 2026 at 5 PM. *****



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Application

Personal Data

Name: _____ E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Cellular #: _____

Emergency contact person & telephone #: _____

Educational Data

Name of Law School you are attending: _____

Anticipated date of graduation: _____

Name of undergraduate/graduate school attended: _____

List any student/bar leadership activities you participate in: _____

List any and all areas of law you are especially interested in: _____

Please attach to the application:

- 1) A personal statement (500 words or less) describing your demonstrated commitment to the Latino community and how you will use your law degree to continue in that effort;
- 2) Two reference letters: (a) one from a law professor and (b) one from a person who knows you well in a professional or personal capacity;
- 3) a copy of your resume;
- 4) a copy of your most recent law school transcript; and
- 5) a writing sample.

Applications and accompanying materials may be sent via e-mail (preferred submission) to Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones at jquinone@nycourts.gov or via mail to: Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones, Supreme Court, Kings County - Criminal Term, 320 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

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