

## Child and Family Advocacy Fellowship Application

### A completed application must also include:

- 1) **Official Undergraduate Transcript.** The Selection Committee will not accept transcripts submitted through LSDAS.
- 2) **A Resume.**
- 3) **Personal Statement.** In no more than three pages, please discuss your interest in pursuing a career in child and family advocacy. Include any factors that influenced your interest in this field that you believe are worthy of the Selection Committee's consideration.
- 4) **Two Letters of Recommendation.** Include two letters from persons who can assess your potential for success as a Child and Family Advocacy Fellow. These letters cannot be those submitted as part of your J.D. application to Hofstra Law School, but may be from the same individuals. Please indicate below the names of the two individuals writing the letters of recommendation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

The priority deadline to submit the application and required materials is **Friday, February 6, 2009**. Please mail them to:

Hofstra Law School  
Office of Enrollment Management  
121 Hofstra University, Suite 250  
Hempstead, New York 11549-1210

For more information or to ask a question about the Fellowship program, call (516) 463-5916 or e-mail [lawadmissions@hofstra.edu](mailto:lawadmissions@hofstra.edu).



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# Hofstra Law School

## Child and Family Advocacy Fellowship

### Preparing Lawyers for the Complexities of Family Law



The Center For  
**Children, Families  
and the Law**



**C**hildren and families in America require help facing issues of divorce, poverty, foster care, abuse and neglect, and even incarceration. Lawyers need to be trained in an interdisciplinary environment to provide effective representation for children, to participate in ongoing education and research, and to improve policies that affect the welfare of children and families.

**Hofstra Law School established the Child and Family Advocacy Fellowship Program in 2002 to train and develop the next generation of leaders in the specialized field of family law.**

### Fellowship Past Facts

Hofstra Law School selects up to five Child and Family Advocacy (CAF) Fellows each year from students admitted to the entering class. Fellows are selected based on their academic record, commitment to public service and potential to develop into leaders in the field.

**Tuition Scholarship:** Up to \$10,000 each year

**Summer Stipends:** Up to \$7,500 to cover living expenses while completing externships related to child advocacy

**Annual Renewal:** CAF Fellowships are renewed annually subject to maintenance of a 3.25 grade point average and full participation in program activities and externships.

*This Fellowship is made possible in part due to the generosity of Andrew M. Boas '80, Mark L. Cluster '77 and The Patrino Foundation.*

### Interdisciplinary Collaboration

CAF Fellows are offered unparalleled opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration with professionals in social work, psychology and education as well as national bar associations and human service agencies. Such collaboration is made possible through Hofstra Law School's nationally acclaimed Center for Children, Families and the Law. The CAF Fellowship program includes:

### Extensive Curricular Opportunities

Hofstra Law School offers one of the most comprehensive child and family advocacy curricula in the country. More than 15 courses are offered, including traditional classroom instruction, simulation courses, clinics and research seminars.

### Hands-On Clinical Experience

Fellows work with family law clients under close faculty supervision. In the Child Advocacy Clinic, students represent child clients in cases of alleged physical and sexual abuse, inadequate supervision, abandonment, educational neglect, juvenile delinquency and special immigrant juvenile status cases. In the Mediation Clinic, students learn mediation skills within the context of an innovative PINS (persons in need of supervision) diversion program.

### Summer Externships

Fellows gain practical experience through completion of two 10-week summer externships, approved by the director, after their first and second years.

### Publishing Opportunities

Fellows may submit articles for possible publication and apply to work on the *Family Court Review*, a leading interdisciplinary law and mental health journal sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and edited by students at Hofstra Law School.

### Cutting-Edge Research & Law Reform Projects

Fellows may participate in a range of conferences and symposia in which national and local experts share research and discuss current issues affecting children and families. Through the Center for Children, Families and the Law, they also work on public service, law reform and research projects.

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**Priority Deadline: Friday, February 6, 2009**

*Applications received by the deadline will be given priority consideration. Materials submitted after the deadline are encouraged and will be considered based on availability.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification:

I hereby apply for a Child and Family Advocacy Fellowship at Hofstra Law School and grant permission for the Selection Committee to review any and all materials contained in my admissions file. I also agree that the Committee may contact any listed references for additional information. I certify that all information contained in this application is true and complete, and I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the Law School in writing of any changes.

I understand that the Fellowship is contingent upon matriculation at Hofstra Law School. The scholarship is awarded for one year, but is renewable annually based on satisfactorily maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and full participation in Fellowship activities.

I understand that upon graduation, Fellows are expected to use their specialized education to represent the legal interests of children and families.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



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