

HOFSTRA LAW'S MISSION IS TO PREPARE, CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE WORLD.

Application Requirements

To be considered for the Child and Family Advocacy Fellowship, you must first be admitted to Hofstra Law. *After you have been admitted*, you will be able to access the application and further instructions online at law.hofstra.edu/AdmittedStudents.

A completed application should include:

- a resume
- a personal statement
- two letters of recommendation

Finalists may be invited to interview with the Selection Committee.

For More Information

Contact the Office of Enrollment Management at lawfellowships@hofstra.edu.

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The Center For
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the Law



"Through a multifaceted approach focused on interdisciplinary education and research, hands-on involvement, and partnerships with critical stakeholders, our Child and Family Advocacy Fellows are revolutionizing the complex and sensitive world of family law." — Judge A. Gail Prudenti, Dean and Executive Director of the Center for Children, Families and the Law

EVERY DAY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN AMERICA face divorce, poverty, foster care, abuse and neglect, and even incarceration. To provide effective representation and improve policies that affect the welfare of children and families, lawyers need to be trained in an interdisciplinary environment and participate in ongoing education and research.

The Maurice A. Deane School of Law established the Child and Family Advocacy Fellowship program in 2002 to train and develop the next generation of leaders in this field.

This fellowship is made possible in part due to the generosity of Andrew M. Boas '80 and Mark L. Claster '77.

"The Child and Family Advocacy Fellowship made choosing Hofstra Law an easy decision. As a fellow, I had opportunities to work with professors researching family law issues, take many family law-related courses, converse with people who shared a similar passion, gain practice experience through the Youth Advocacy Clinic, and hone my research and writing skills as a Family Court Review staff member. I still reap the benefits of the skills and experience I acquired as a CAF Fellow."

— Sharon Clarke '06, Court Attorney Referee, Nassau County Family Court

Fellowship Key Facts

Hofstra Law selects up to five Child and Family Advocacy Fellows each year from students admitted to the entering class. Fellows are selected based on their academic record, commitment to public service and leadership potential. Upon graduation, fellows are expected to use their specialized education to represent the legal interests of children and families.

SUMMER STIPEND

Fellows are eligible for up to two \$7,500 stipends to cover living expenses while completing summer internships with nonprofit or government agencies working in the child and family advocacy area.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to maintain their fellowship, fellows are expected to fully participate in program activities and internships and meet all academic requirements.

The Center for Children, Families and the Law

The Center was established in 2001 in response to the urgent need for more effective representation for children and families in crisis. Through the Center, fellows are offered unique opportunities to participate in community service, public-policy projects and research, all designed to benefit children and families involved with the legal system. Fellows work directly with Center faculty and staff and collaborate with professionals in law, social work, psychology and education.

Fellows have organized conferences, worked with the local youth court, coached a mock trial team of at-risk youth, and developed policies for the American Bar Association's Commission on Youth at Risk. The Center recently launched two new initiatives, providing fellows with opportunities to mediate marital dissolutions, under attorney supervision, involving parents and focusing on the welfare of the children, and to petition for guardianship in surrogate's court for indigent and developmentally delayed youth.

Family Court Review

Fellows can 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 at Hofstra Law. Fellows have the opportunity to submit their research for publication in the *Family Court Review*.

Summer Internships

Fellows complete two 10-week summer internships after their first and second years of law school. Placements must be approved by the director. Recent placements have included The Legal Aid Society, the Children's Law Center, the Department of Social Services, the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Lawyers for Children, and several family court judges' and district attorneys' offices.

Curricular Opportunities

Hofstra Law offers one of the most comprehensive child and family advocacy curriculums in the country and was recently ranked a top 10 school for family law. The more than 20 courses offered include traditional classroom instruction, experiential courses and opportunities, and research seminars.

- Advanced Topics in Family Law
- Alternatives to Litigation
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Domestic Violence
- Family Law/Family Law With Skills
- Family Law Practicum
- International Family Law
- Juvenile Justice Clinic Practicum
- Matrimonial Trial Skills
- Mediation Externship
- Modern Divorce Advocacy
- Special Education Law
- Youth Advocacy Clinic
- Youth Court Externship