

THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL INSTITUTE

The New York State Judicial Institute is a year-round center for judicial and court-related education, training and research. Located on the campus of Pace University School of Law, the Institute uses educationally for innovation and change. The Judicial Institute explores societal, legislative and technological advances affecting the courts and designs initiatives to meet newly emerging challenges. Through its education and training initiatives, the Institute seeks to ensure that the New York State Judiciary sets the standard for judicial excellence around the country

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Applications may be submitted by email, NYLEO@nycourts.gov, or regular mail:

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If you have questions or need any additional information, please contact the NY LEO Program by e-mail at NYLEO@nycourts.gov, by telephone at 914-824-5800, or visit our website at www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/leo.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible to participate, a student must:**
- be minority, low-income or economically disadvantaged;
 - be a New York State resident
 - receive his or her college degree by the beginning of the summer program;
 - have been accepted by or have an application pending at a New York law school; and
 - agree to attend law school in New York.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission into the NY LEO Program, all interested candidates must submit an application to the NY LEO offices by **April 15, 2016**. Applications are available online at: www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/leo

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The NY LEO program is provided free of charge to the selected participants. Covered expenses include: courses and textbooks; dormitory room; meal plan; and access to Pace Law School libraries and computer facilities.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Application Deadline:	April 15, 2016
Admissions Notifications Begin:	May 2, 2016
Program Begins:	June 6, 2016
Program Ends:	July 15, 2016



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Promoting Academic Excellence
and Diversity in the Legal Community



“The value of a diverse legal profession needs no argument – inclusiveness promotes public trust and confidence in our justice system. NY LEO is a valuable program that promotes diversity in the legal profession by improving the probability of success for minority, low-income and economically disadvantaged students who wish to attend law school.”

– Hon. Lawrence K. Marks
Chief Administrative Judge



“NY LEO prepares aspiring minority law students to succeed by giving them a realistic preview of the law school experience. It balances academics with exposure to practicing lawyers and judges, and provides mentors to guide each LEO Fellow through the law school journey. I am delighted that LEO is once again helping ensure a diverse legal community by promoting academic success for individuals historically underrepresented in the legal profession.”

– Hon. Juanita Bing Newton

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The New York State Judicial Institute is pleased to sponsor the 2016 New York Legal Education Opportunity Program (NY LEO). Offered for the first time in the summer of 2007, the NY LEO Program assists minority, low-income and economically disadvantaged college graduates in acquiring the fundamental and practical skills necessary to succeed in law school. The program is available to qualified candidates who plan to attend law school in New York.

The NY LEO program is an intensive six-week summer program offered by the New York State Judicial Institute. NY LEO Fellows live on campus and participate in the program full-time. Experienced law professors provide instruction in first-year law school core courses as well as in legal research, writing and analysis. As part of the program, NY LEO Fellows visit courts in session and meet with members of the Judiciary and other legal professionals.

Upon successful completion of NY LEO, each Fellow is matched with a judge or attorney mentor who will provide guidance, support and practical advice on becoming a lawyer. To be eligible to participate, students must receive their college degree by the beginning of the summer program, be accepted or have an application pending at a New York law school, and agree to attend law school in New York.



“The interests of all New Yorkers are best served by a legal profession that reflects the full diversity of the Empire State and its people. I know firsthand how much the New York Legal Education Opportunity Program is contributing toward achieving that goal, and I’m proud of the New York State Assembly’s support for NY LEO in partnership with Judge Bing Newton.”

– Hon. Latoya Joyner
Member of the NYS Assembly, and
LEO Fellow, Class of 2009



NY LEO Fellows, Class of 2010