

JUDICIAL INSTITUTE

JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 21, 2017
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

WHO

The Judicial Institute is a collaboration project between the minority bar associations, the judiciary, local and state bar associations, law schools, and the Washington Initiative for Diversity.

WHAT & WHY

The purpose of the Judicial Institute is to prepare qualified diverse attorneys for judicial positions through a comprehensive education and mentorship program. Through our efforts, we hope to make the path to the judiciary more accessible and increase the number of diverse attorneys seeking and securing judicial positions.

We are committed to the diversification of Washington's courts. We believe our judicial system is strengthened when it reflects the richness and diversity of the communities and populations served throughout the State of Washington. The bench is enriched, and decision-making is enhanced, by a variety of perspectives, life experiences, and professional paths.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In 2015, 18 Fellows participated (representing 15 women; 3 men; 3 GLBT; 9 racial/ethnic minorities; 7 different counties; 1 living with a disability), and 1 has since been appointed to the Superior Court.
- In 2014, 16 Fellows participated (representing 10 women; 6 men; 1 GLBT; 12 racial/ethnic minorities; 7 different counties), and 4 have since been appointed and/or elected to the Superior Court or District Court.
- In 2012, 25 Fellows participated (representing 17 women; 8 men; 1 GLBT; 18 minority groups; 8 different counties) and 5 have since been appointed and/or elected to the Superior or Municipal Court, and 1 to the Tribal Court.

WHEN & PROGRAM

The next Judicial Institute is scheduled for **January 20 and January 21, 2017** at Seattle Law School.

Instructors will include judges, MBA judicial evaluation committee members, judicial election consultants, and appointing authorities. Presenters will address various topics including judicial ethics, the judicial appointment process, and preparing for a judicial campaign. In addition, Fellows will be assigned judicial mentors who will provide one-on-one feedback and guidance throughout the year.

Participating Fellows will also receive general and ethics CLE credits.

APPLICATION PROCESS & FEE – DEADLINE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Interested applicants with at least eight years or more of experience should submit a letter of interest, resume, and the Judicial Institute Application **via e-mail** to JudicialInstitute2017@gmail.com or **by mail** to Washington Initiative for Diversity, PO Box 1985, Seattle, WA 98111-1985.

\$50 fee is collected from accepted Fellows on the day of the Judicial Institute.

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