



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 the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, the Institute seeks to ensure that the New York State Judiciary sets the standard for judicial excellence around the country.

CONTACT US

Your application must be submitted online. The application is available at www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/leo.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please contact the NY LEO Program by e-mail at NYLEO@nycourts.gov or 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
 - plan 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 by **March 22, 2019**. Applications are available online at:

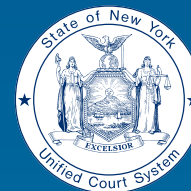
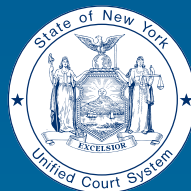
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Application Deadline:	March 22, 2019
Admissions Notifications Begin:	April 26, 2019
Program Begins:	June 3, 2019
Program Ends:	July 12, 2019



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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
NYS Chief Administrative Judge



“NY LEO prepares aspiring minority law students and economically disadvantaged 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 helping ensure a diverse legal community by promoting academic success for individuals historically underrepresented in the legal profession.”

– Hon. Juanita Bing Newton
Dean, NYS Judicial Institute

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The New York State Judicial Institute is pleased to sponsor the 2019 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 are residents of New York State.

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 and 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, and be accepted or have an application pending at a New York law school.



“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 with NYS Court of Appeals Associate Judge Jenny Rivera (front row center.)