

LOS ANGELES INCUBATOR CONSORTIUM PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Los Angeles Incubator Consortium (“LAIC”) is a collaborative and innovative attorney development program supporting new solo practitioners in building their practice while also providing pro bono services to low-income and modest means clients. Over the 12-month program, selected participants will receive mentoring and training support in substantive areas of law, law practice management, marketing, business and client development from consortium partners. Through required pro bono service, participants receive substantive training in practice areas while performing work in a range of opportunities developed by civil legal aid agencies and community partners, including Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Legal Aid Society of Orange County, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Public Counsel and the Los Angeles Law Library.

This program is open to graduates of the consortium law schools and who are admitted to practice law in California. If selected, participants must commit to starting their law practice no later than February 1, 2021. Please submit the application form below along with required application materials by **12:00PM PST on DECEMBER 11, 2020** to your law school contact:

- Loyola Law School - Jolene Horn: jolene.horn@lls.edu
- Southwestern Law School - Michelle Takagishi-Almeida: mtalmeida@swlaw.edu
- UCLA School of Law – Brad Sears: sears@law.ucla.edu

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Year of JD degree: _____

Law School Attended: _____

Date of admission to California Bar | California Bar Number:

Other bar admissions and dates (if applicable):

The following documents must be submitted with the LAIC application form:

1. Personal Statement (3-page maximum, double-spaced):
 - a. Why you should be selected to participate in this program.
 - b. Why you want to be a solo practitioner. If applicable, discuss how a former work experience in the legal profession (either through an externship, internship, legal clinic, or work experience) influenced your decision to start your own practice.
 - c. Why you are interested in serving underrepresented, low- and moderate-income populations (including providing pro bono and "low bono" representation), and why are you interested in doing so in an incubator/solo practitioner setting.
 - d. How LAIC's 100-hour pro-bono volunteer service requirement will contribute to your solo practice's success.
2. Brief Business Development Plan (2-pages, double-spaced)
 - a. Identify area(s) of law you are most interested in practicing
 - b. How you plan to fund start-up expenses in the 12-month program (marketing, client development, budget etc.)
3. Current résumé
4. List of three references with their contact information

Initial each statement below indicating your agreement:

_____ I understand that eligibility to participate in the incubator program requires that I continue to be a member of the California State Bar in good standing. I agree to notify the Attorney Development Director immediately of any change in my status or of any disciplinary actions taken against me by the California State Bar.

_____ Once program participation commences, I agree to carry at all times while I am part of the incubator program malpractice insurance in an amount of at least \$100,000/\$300,000, and to pay for any tail coverage if the policy is a claims-reported policy.

_____ I expect to provide at least 100 hours of pro bono service (including training to prepare for said pro bono work) during my participation in the incubator program.

_____ I understand that I am creating my own law firm, that I am not an employee of the LAIC program, and that I am not guaranteed any payments. I will be responsible for developing my client-base and understand that the LAIC program, participating law schools and partners cannot guarantee business.

_____ If I am selected as a participant in the LAIC program, I agree to abide by and remain compliant with all rules governing program participation which includes paying a \$300 monthly Program Fee, participation in trainings and evaluation of the Program.

_____ All statements in this application and accompanying attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and reflect realistic projections based on information reasonably available to me. I understand that any material misstatements herein or noncompliance with participation terms may subject me to termination from the Program.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____