

Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Summer Fellowship 2012 Fellowship Program

Introduction:

The primary mission of the Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship is to strengthen law students' long-term commitment to promote justice and equality for vulnerable immigrant groups.

The Fellowship was established in 2009 by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law (CHRCL), and the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIP/NLG), to commemorate the life and legal contributions of Michael Maggio.

Michael Maggio was an extraordinary immigration attorney and individual who was a life-long advocate for justice, equality, and peace. Throughout his career, Michael received countless professional awards and was honored for his extraordinary legal representation, astute strategizing, unwavering commitment to the highest ethical standards, and deep passion for justice and upholding the rule of law. He was an active member of AILA and served on the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Project. Michael died in February 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Fellowship Description:

The Fellowship will be awarded to one law student each summer to work on a student-initiated project. Students must submit a project proposal with an organization willing to host the student for 10 weeks and provide a \$1,500 stipend (the Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship will provide a \$2,500 stipend). The Fellow will be required to provide reports, half way through and at the conclusion of the Fellowship, regarding his or her progress in meeting the goals of the project. The host organization must be willing to supervise and provide all logistical needs of the Fellow including office space and supplies. Host organization will also be asked, if it is willing to do so, to provide a brief report at the end of the Fellowship.

Eligibility:

- Law student in good standing at an accredited law school program.
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and/or immigrants' rights issues.

Application Requirements:

- A complete application package should include a cover letter, a completed application form (part I & II), a support letter from the host organization (with information about the organization, the work the Fellow will be doing, and the name of person responsible for supervising the Fellow), and a resume.
- Preferably email the complete application to: Susan Timmons, stimmons@aila.org in PDF format, or, if you are unable to email the application materials, mail the complete application to:

Susan Timmons
Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Suite 300
1331 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-3142

- **The application must be received no later than February 1, 2012. A decision selecting the 2012 Michael Maggio Fellow will be made by March 1, 2012.**

Stipend:

The total stipend for the ten-week summer Fellowship is \$4,000 (the host organization will pay \$1,500 and in 2012 the American Immigration Lawyers Association will pay \$2,500). The Fellow will also receive complimentary registration for the 2012 AILA annual conference, and complimentary registration plus a \$250 travel stipend to attend the National Lawyers Guild annual conference in 2012.

Please see application form below.

Application Form

Instructions:

Please use this form to insert your responses electronically. You may copy and paste this application form into a new document or simply use this one. When you save your application, use following protocol for naming the document: Your last name, your first name, and the date you send the application and “Maggio Fellowship Application” (eg Diaz, Michael 1-25-12 Maggio Fellowship Application).

Please forward your application (please send in MSWord **and** PDF formats) before the deadline to Susan Timmons stimmons@aila.org.

Feel free to attach other material to your application (news reports about your work or projects you have worked on, writing samples, information about the issues you want to address during your proposed internship, etc.)

- Electronic applications are much preferred. If you are unable to submit an electronic application, mail your application to:

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PART I.

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Address and phone are good through what date?

Permanent Address (if different from above):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Law School:

Year in School:

Optional Information (some may be used for purposes of affirmative action):

Age:

Gender:

Sexuality:

Underrepresented Community:

Disability:

Name of proposed host organization:

Name of contact person for host organization:

Telephone number of host organization contact:

Email address of host organization contact:

Website of proposed host organization:

Foreign Languages:

Fluency Level:

Other Skills (i.e. computer skills, typing, Lexis/Westlaw training):

List extracurricular activities you have participated in and approx. dates:

Dates available to work: From:

To:

How did you hear about the Fellowship?

List the name, organization, position, how you know the person, email and phone number of two references:

1.

2.

PART II. Short Essay

Please limit your responses to no more than 4 pages

1. Please briefly describe the organization for which you seek funding and include hyperlinks so further information may be reviewed on the internet.

Response:

2. What kind of legal, political, educational and work experiences have you had which are relevant to this project?

Response:

3. Describe with as much particularity and as precisely as possible (a) the goals of your proposed internship, (b) how and why you decided on your goals, (c) most importantly, what you propose doing to achieve those goals, and (d) how you will measure what was actually achieved.

Response:

4. Briefly explain how this type of work may relate to your long-term career goals?

Response: