



LAWYER ON LOAN PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in DAYL's Lawyer on Loan Pilot Program! The goal of the Lawyer on Loan Program is to help young lawyers gain valuable courtroom and trial experience. Lawyers selected to participate in the Lawyer on Loan Program will be supervised by experienced city prosecutors and have the opportunity to try minor criminal offenses to juries and to judges.

If selected, you will be responsible for reviewing case files set for trial, selecting a jury, giving opening statements, examining the witnesses, preparing jury charges, and making closing arguments. In your role as a Lawyer on Loan, you will work under the supervision of a city prosecutor. The local prosecutors will be counting on you! Accordingly, it is important that applicants know what they are getting themselves into and be able to commit to all responsibilities assigned through the Program.

During the pilot program, participants will travel either to Roysse City or Carrollton.

- **Roysse City:**
 - It is a **six-month commitment** to ensure that you try the maximum number of trials.
 - Roysse City conducts trials on the **third Wednesday of every month** (*i.e., you will go to trial on day a month*).
 - You will try a mix of bench trials and jury trials. In the six-month period, you will have four Wednesdays of bench trials and two Wednesdays of jury trials.
 - On a bench trial day, you will likely try up to 4-5 bench trials.
 - On a jury trial day, you will likely try up to 2 jury trials.
 - One week in advance, Roysse City's Prosecutor's Office will provide you with all case files set on the trial docket. That docket could include up to 10 cases to make sure that some of the cases proceed to trial.
 - Prior to trying any cases, you will be required to attend at least one other Wednesday to observe the hearing and appearance docket. You may attend additional Wednesday (non-trial) dockets to gain more experience with motion practice, if you would like.
 - A background check may be required.
- **Carrollton:**
 - It is a **six-month commitment** to ensure that you try the maximum number of trials.
 - Carrollton conducts jury trials **every Tuesday**.
 - Two lawyers will be selected for Carrollton. The two lawyers will alternate every Tuesday (*i.e., you will go to trial two days a month*).
 - You will try jury trials. Bench trials are available if you want that experience.
 - One week in advance, Carrollton's Prosecutor's Office will provide you with all case files set on the trial docket. That docket could include up to 6-8 cases to make sure that some of the cases proceed to trial.
 - Carrollton has videotapes of all traffic stops. You will need to go in early on the day of trial (or, if you choose, a prior day) to watch the videos.
 - Prior to trying any cases, you will be required to observe a jury trial.
 - A background check will be required.

The program is meant to provide young lawyers with opportunities to try cases and develop their courtroom advocacy skills. By participating in this program, you are NOT entitled to receive any compensation and you are not entitled to a job at the conclusion of the program. In order to apply, you must be licensed in the State of Texas in good standing and be a current DAYL member.

Applications are due on Friday, March 11, 2016 by 5:00 p.m. and must be returned to Cherie Harris (cherieh@dayl.com). We anticipate announcing the selections by March 31, 2016. Once selected, the lawyer will work with the respective city to fill out all necessary paperwork (and background check, if applicable). It is expected that you will begin your rotation in April as soon as all paperwork is completed.



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Employer (if any): _____

Email Address: _____ Preferred Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Year Licensed to Practice Law: _____ Texas Bar Number: _____ DAYL member? (*membership required*) _____

Area(s) of Practice: _____

How did you hear about the DAYL Lawyer on Loan Program? _____

I am interested in: Royse City _____ Carrollton _____ Both _____

II. RESUME

Attach a one-page resume. In addition to the usual categories of information (education, employment history, etc.), you should **include anything relating to courtroom advocacy before, during, or after law school**. You should also include any bar association, business/professional, law school, or civic activities in which you have participated. List any awards or special recognitions you have received.

III. REFERENCES

Please provide two references. The ideal reference will come from someone who is familiar with your interest in advocacy and any relevant experience you may have. A reference could be a current employer, a former employer (including in an internship), a mentor, a law school professor or mock trial/moot court coach, or any other lawyer who knows you and can tell us why you should be selected for this program.

Reference 1: _____

Name	Title	Firm/Company	Phone	Email
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Reference 2: _____

Name	Title	Firm/Company	Phone	Email
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IV. LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM EMPLOYER (If any)

If you are currently employed, please include a letter of support from your employer. This letter should state that your employer understands that you are committing to the DAYL Lawyer on Loan Program and that they support you doing so.

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

As described above, the Program will involve traveling to either Royse City or Carrollton as described above, in addition to preparation for these Court sessions. The Program will last for six months. You must be willing and able to commit this amount of time to the Program in order to apply.

I understand that if I am selected, I am NOT entitled to receive any compensation, payment, or reimbursement and I am NOT entitled to a job at the conclusion of the program. I am licensed in good standing by the State Bar of Texas and I am a current DAYL member.

If selected to participate in the Lawyer on Loan Program, I will fulfill all of my assigned duties and will commit all necessary time to the Program for the six-month period.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

VI. ESSAY QUESTIONS (Attach answers on one more separate sheet(s) of paper. Please limit each answer to 1-2 short paragraphs and be sure to include your name on each page.)

1. **Why do you feel that you would be a great candidate for this Program?** (Think broadly; we're looking for all things that demonstrate your interest in courtroom advocacy – it all counts! E.g. mock trial, moot court, advocacy classes or groups, journals focusing on advocacy, trial experience, courtroom observation, CLEs, and or a description of your passion for advocacy).
2. **What do you hope to get out of this experience?** (Here, feel free to discuss how this experience will connect with your career goals or just your desire for personal growth.)

VII. AFFIRMATION

I represent that the information provided herein and on the attached pages is true and correct.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Mail, fax, or email this application (including additional materials requested) as ONE PDF document by Friday, March 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. to:

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