

## **American Bar Association (ABA): Judicial Outreach Liaison and Judicial Fellows Program**

### **Regional Judicial Outreach Liaison Paid Position Opening: Region 5**

The Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL) program was established to produce peer-to-peer judicial education for judges. The Regional JOLs are teachers, writers, and impartial consultants who share educational resources on informed sentencing, monitoring and interventions for impaired drivers with the judges of their Region.

Please review the description of the RJOL program and the job description provided. To apply for the position please send the following documents to Kennedy Breanne Green (she/her/hers) at the American Bar Association at [kennedy.green@americanbar.org](mailto:kennedy.green@americanbar.org):

- A Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- A letter of interest in the RJOL position, specifically sharing (1) why you are interested in the RJOL position, (2) how you would be best suited to meet the goals of that role, (3) your familiarity with judicial education, DWI Courts, presiding over impaired driving cases, and drug-impaired driving, (4) the importance of diversity in your experience on the bench and as you imagine what its importance would be to the RJOL role.

Please note that your letter of interest must reflect the needs of the position for which you are applying. If you have any questions, please contact Kennedy at the American Bar Association by e-mail or at 312-988-6716.

**Deadline for submission of materials: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## Regional Judicial Outreach Liaison: Region 5

### **Position Description**

#### **Purpose**

This Regional Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL) will serve as a subject matter expert in the area of impaired driving, screening and assessments, and evidence-based sentencing practices, who provides judicial education on research and best practices to judges in Region 5 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin).

#### **Duties of a Judicial Outreach Liaison**

The duties of the JOL include serving as an educator, writer, consultant, and liaison, regarding DUI specialty treatment courts and other tactics to reduce impaired driving recidivism for the ABA. The JOL will work with the ABA Judicial Fellows, State JOLs, Regional JOLs, State Judicial Educators, traffic safety stakeholders, State Administrative Offices of the Courts, continuing legal educators throughout the year to accomplish established goals.

Specific duties will include:

#### Share information and coordinate with other DUI specialty court professionals

- Identify emerging trends and issues amongst specialty courts and treatment
- Identify best practices of specialty courts that experience larger gains on reduced recidivism
- Consult regularly with the ABA Judicial Fellows and Judicial Outreach Liaisons regarding outreach efforts and opportunities.

#### Promote evidence-based and promising practices

- Promote specialty courts serving DUI offenders.
- Promote use of ignition interlocks and improvements to ignition interlock programs.
- Promote other evidence-based and promising court, sentencing and supervision practices.

#### Provide training, education, and technical assistance

- Provide training, education, and technical assistance to judges and other court officials regarding DUI specialty treatment courts and other impaired driving issues.
- Develop a network of contacts with judges and judicial educators to promote training and judicial education to promote innovative treatment court programs, supervision of DUI offenders, evidentiary issues, legal updates and alcohol/drug testing and monitoring technology, and other impaired driving issues.
- Attend relevant and appropriate meetings, conferences, workshops, media events and other gatherings dealing with specialty courts.
- Identify barriers that hamper effective training, education or outreach to the courts and recommend alternative means to address these issues and concerns.

#### Inform JOL Program & Stakeholders

- Identify issues of concern to judges and other court officials regarding alcohol and drug-impaired driving or other traffic issues and bring them to the attention of the JOL program and other appropriate stakeholders.
- Upon request, review materials developed by others and provide comments and judicial insights.
- Advise JOL program on strategic planning for outreach to judges and the courts, and other issues involving the criminal justice system.

Other responsibilities

- Write and solicit articles for the *Highway to Justice* newsletter.
- Attend JOL Annual and Mid-Year Meetings and other traffic safety related events, in accordance with work plan.
- Submit a monthly report at the end of each month.
- Submit a final report detailing the year's efforts and accomplishments, specifically noting processes used, strategies employed, results achieved, problems encountered and recommendations.
- Work with State Highway Safety Offices in Region 5 without current JOLs to promote the JOL program and assist them with recruitment and selection of a JOL as needed.

**Additional Considerations**

Expenses for all authorized travel, lodging, food and incidentals will be reimbursed in accordance with federal rates as recognized by the General Services Administration. Requests for reimbursement will be processed through the American Bar Association. Travel costs are not included in the monthly stipend and will be reimbursed separately.

This is a paid, part-time position with a monthly stipend of \$2,000. It is paid in equal monthly installments. The contract is subject to annual renewal. Applicants must have a law degree and should be a sitting or retired judge with experience handling impaired driving cases. The ideal candidate should have direct, first-hand experience working in a specialty court environment that serves DUI offenders.

The ABA Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL) Program

The JOL program began in 1998 as part of the ABA Judicial Division’s outreach efforts to provide trial judges with access to current and evidence-based practices that would assist them in their work on the bench. The program consists of two National Judicial Fellows and Regional and State Judicial Outreach Liaisons (JOLs) throughout the country. Judicial Fellows and JOLs are active or retired judges who work to improve the administration of justice in impaired driving and other traffic safety matters through education, communication, community outreach activities and collegial and ethical collaboration with judges, and traffic safety stakeholders, locally, regionally, and nationally.

While remaining independent and impartial, the JOLs and Judicial Fellows serve as a resource for the judiciary and other members of the highway safety community. This assistance takes the form of peer-to-peer judicial education, court case interpretations, guidance, and acting as a liaison between the judiciary and the highway safety community. The JOLs and Judicial Fellows help supplement and support on-going efforts by judicial educators around the country to provide essential information to judges in a number of important areas including evidence-based sentencing practices for at-risk populations, DUI Treatment Courts, reliable substance use and mental health assessments.

Through the work of the American Bar Association JOL Program, judges throughout the country can gain a broader foundational understanding of the issues that they face in handling their fast-paced traffic-related dockets.

Currently 32 active and retired judges serve as JOLs and Judicial Fellows around the country, covering 47 of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Native Nations, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the North Mariana Islands.

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