



## FAIR TRIAL INITIATIVE OSBORN LAW FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

The Fair Trial Initiative is looking for outstanding third-year law students and new lawyers who are committed to providing first-rate legal representation to indigent defendants facing the death penalty. **Although not necessarily controlling, special consideration will be given to applicants with a demonstrated interest in capital and criminal defense work, as well as those who articulate a desire to continue practice in North Carolina upon completion of the fellowship.**

### DESCRIPTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fair Trial Initiative Osborn Fellowship requires a two-year commitment. Fellows should be prepared to begin work after Labor Day. Compensation is \$32,000 per year plus benefits. While it is in the nature of trial work that some periods will be extremely demanding, we envision that, on average, fellows will work 40 hour weeks. Fellows are expected to have a reliable vehicle throughout the fellowship, and extensive travel can be expected, both in the course of representing clients and for training.

### ELIGIBILITY

Osborn Fellows must be graduates of an accredited law school by the time the fellowship begins. Fellowship applicants should be barred or should be planning to take the bar in the summer preceding their fellowship. While lawyers licensed in North Carolina will have a greater range of opportunities in their fellowship, applicants may take any bar.

Applicants need not be current law students to be considered for a fellowship. We welcome applicants with clerkship or other practical experience.

To apply for the fellowship, please send:

1. Your resume.
2. A copy of your law school transcript.
3. The completed Osborn Fellow Application Cover Sheet.
4. A writing sample of not more than 10 pages.
5. The names and phone numbers of the following references:
  - a. One supervisor from every legal job you have had since starting law school (including clinics and externship programs). Please include the name of the employing agency or program as well.
  - b. One law school professor who is familiar with your academic performance.
6. Optionally, FTI is pleased to receive any additional material which would assist us in evaluating your application.

**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS,  
THEREFORE APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO  
APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**

**FOR CONSIDERATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FELLOW  
CLASS OF 2008-2010, COMPLETED FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2008**

Finalists will be contacted to arrange interviews. Finalists may be asked to participate in multiple telephone interviews. FTI finds in-person interviews valuable, and as such we will cooperate with applicants to make them available when practicable. Candidates are always welcome to schedule an appointment to meet with FTI in our Durham office.

FTI recruits fellow applicants at several public interest job fairs. Applicants are encouraged to attempt to schedule interviews with an FTI representative at one of the following fairs.

**Southeastern Minority Job Fair in Atlanta, August 3 and 4, 2007**  
**Cook County Bar Association Minority Job Fair in Chicago, August 10, 2007**  
**Equal Justice Works Job Fair in Washington, D.C., October 6 and 7, 2007**

Given the short interview times available during these fairs, applicants are invited to inquire with FTI regarding availability for interviews in these cities outside of the ordinary hours reserved for the fair.

In addition, representatives of FTI will likely be available to meet with candidates in **Las Vegas in November 2007** and in **New York City in January 2008**. Specific Las Vegas and New York dates to be announced. Check the website or contact the Executive Director for more information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Fair Trial Initiative's Executive Director, Mark Kleinschmidt. Mark can be reached by e-mail at [mark@fairtrial.org](mailto:mark@fairtrial.org), or by phone at (919) 680-2986.

Applicants are invited to e-mail their completed materials to [mark@fairtrial.org](mailto:mark@fairtrial.org) (preferred method), to fax their materials to (919) 688-7973, or send via post to:

**Fair Trial Initiative  
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## OSBORN FELLOW APPLICATION COVER SHEET

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages (other than English), and level of proficiency:

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Optional – Applicants are encouraged to share any other information about them that would assist the Fair Trial Initiative in meeting its goal of ensuring that Osborn Law Fellowships are available to a widely diverse pool of candidates.

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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Law school: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bars applied to/member of: \_\_\_\_\_