



FAIR TRIAL INITIATIVE OSBORN LAW FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

The Fair Trial Initiative seeks outstanding third-year law students and lawyers who are committed to providing first-rate legal representation to indigent defendants facing the death penalty. **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 Osborn Fellowship requires a two-year commitment. Fellows should be prepared to begin work after Labor Day 2012. Compensation is \$34,000 per year plus benefits that include full health care coverage. 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. Because Fellows' work involves participating on several capital defense teams during and before trial, the Fellowship can be a very demanding and intense experience. Throughout the fellowship, participants will be required to attend several trainings and will be encouraged to augment them with additional training as opportunities arise. FTI is committed to creating the country's next best capital defense attorneys who will remain committed to the work for as long as the issue is a part of our criminal justice system.

Eligibility

Osborn Fellows must be graduates of an accredited law school by the time the fellowship begins. Fellowship applicants should be planning to take the North Carolina bar in the summer preceding their fellowship if they are not already licensed attorneys.

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 accompanied by a cover letter articulating your specific interest in capital defense work and this fellowship.
2. A copy of your law school transcript.
3. The completed Osborn Fellow Application Cover Sheet that can be downloaded from our website (www.fairtrial.org)
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 as that of the supervisor.

- 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.

**COMPLETED FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY OCTOBER 31, 2011.**

Applications are considered on a rolling basis, but no application will be considered which is received after October 31, 2011. We will contact finalists to arrange interviews. 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, or by phone at (919) 680-2986.

Applicants are invited to email their completed materials to apply@fairtrial.org, fax their materials to (919) 688-7973 or send through post to

Fair Trial Initiative
Osborn Fellowship Program
201 W. Main Street, Suite 300
Durham, NC 27701

OSBORN FELLOW APPLICATION COVER SHEET

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Current address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

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

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

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Law school: _____

Graduation date: _____

Bars applied to/member of: _____